

TUESDAY REVIEW FRONT



Therapy – the great con

Top insurance firms in police inquiry over pension sales fiasco

THREE OF the UK's biggest BY ANDREW VERITY household names in insurance yesterday emerged as being involved in an unprecedented inquiry by the Metropolitan Police which could potentially lead to criminal charges against their directors.

Royal Exchange and Sun Life of Canada are the three main companies whose pensions an offence. It also says directors sales are being been examined for possible criminal breaches of the Financial Services Act 1986, The Independent has established.

The Met's company fraud squad has been conducting a the floodgates for many further

year-long inquiry into possible breaches of the Act, linked to the UK's £15bn pension misselling scandal.

Under section 47 of the Act, anyone who dishonestly or Legal & General, Guardian recklessly makes a misleading statement to push the sale of an investment product is guilty of could be responsible for the behaviour of their sales representatives with a maximum prison sentence of seven years.

If any prosecutions were to be successful, it could open

dustry millions in further fines and compensation.

The three companies were surprised at suggestions that they might be involved. An L&G statement said: "All that Legal & General know of an alleged police investigation is what we have read in the newspapers. We have not been contacted by the police and, to the best of our knowledge, no current or past director has been

contacted by police." GRE also said it had no knowledge of a fraud squad investigation. However, Sun Life of Canada said one of its repre-

Sun Life of Canada

∅ Guardian Guardian Royal Exchange Group

sentatives had been interviewed by the fraud squad but not in connection with pension mis-selling.

The police inquiries started last year after formal complaints from three policyholders, one with each company, who believe they have been sub-



inal provisions of the Act. The policyholders are Michael Moyes, of Taunton, Terry Golding, of Reading, and Michael Jacobs, of Seer Green near

Beconsfield Buckinghamshire. They are angry that neither vernment officials nor regupolice for consideration of possible offences under the criminal provisions of the Act.

Before Labour came to power, Mr Moyes wrote to Tony Blair on the issue of criminal mis-selling who referred Mr Moyes to Mike O'Brien, then financial services spokesman.

He wrote to Mr Moyes: "I have made it clear publicly Labour would regard the completion of the pensions mis-selling compensation programme as a priority and we would also seek to ensure disciplinary and, if appropriate, criminal sancgovernment is now more in- tors yesterday said they had deterested in speeding up the mis-selling review begun four refer any cases to the police.

Mr O'Brien was shunted away from the financial serhas rigorously pursued the regulator's review but has said nothing about referrals to the Patricia Hewitt

The policyholders fear the sation owed to victims, regulacided there were no grounds to

Instead, the Financial Services Authority has concentrated on pushing ahead with vices brief after the election. His the review, which gives comreplacement. Helen Liddell, panies the responsibility of deciding whether policies have been mis-sold.

A spokeswoman for the FSA police. In the Cabinet reshuffle said: "We have always been aware of the criminal provisions two weeks ago, she was re-placed by the arch-Blairite MP, of the act, which is much more about prior intent." She said Despite two million cases of that in millions of cases, regupotential mis-selling and an lators had found no reason to

Deal gives march the go-ahead

CATHOLICS AND Protestants By ANDREW BUNCOMBE yesterday reached a potentially Ireland's marching season.

Orange Order remain en-Catholic area, an arrangement was reached yesterday to allow up to 15,000 Apprentice Boys to march through Londonderry.

The agreement, which came tween the Apprentice Boys and the members of the nationalist Bogside Residents Association, will allow just 13 marchers to lay a wreath at the Cenotaph in the city centre. One band will accompany the other marchers along the city walls.

the siege of Derry in 1689, has been a flashpoint for confrontation, particularly where the march passes above the Catholic Bogside area. After Drumcree and the killing of three young Catholic brothers. there was concern about fur-) ther confrontation and both sides yesterday recognised the importance of their agreement.

Alastair Simpson, Governor of the Apprentice Boys, said: "A been taken for the better future of the city and for all our communities this weekend.

"The Apprentice Boys have made every effort to make their

ground-breaking agreement parades peaceful days and the over one of the more con- understanding reached maintentious events in Northern tains the dignity of the events."

after lengthy negotiations be- that had the same commitment to reach agreement been

> reached today shows what can result when the will to reach agreement exists," he said.

The march around the walls, spur those involved to follow the commemorating the lifting of natural progression of this process to enter direct discusand lasting agreement."

sion would have been forced rule on the march.

■ The dissident Republican bomb attack in Banbridge, Co Down, which left 35 people insmall but significant step has jured and caused millions of bomb attacks in Belfast this

A spokesman for the Ap-

Had an agreement not been

group calling itself the "real IRA" yesterday claimed responsibility for Saturday's pounds worth of damage. They also said they carried out a wave of incendiary

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prentice Boys added later: "I

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accommodation

"This achievement should sions to reach a comprehensive

think it is very positive that we camped at Drumcree still de- have been able to reach an manding to walk through the agreement and I think that this

spokesman for the Bogside Residents Association, said shown at Drumcree, tragedy may have been avoided.

Shayler extradition could take years PLANS TO extradite the rene-

gade MI5 officer David Shayler from France could take up to two years and may fail completely, legal experts said last

Specialists in French extradition law said complex legal submissions could drag the process on for two years. But because there is no French equivalent of the Official Secrets Act, the process may be impossible. A large body of

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BY JOHN LICHFIELD AND ANDREW BUNCOMBE

case law suggests that a suspect may only be extradited if the alleged crime also exists in France.

There are French laws for bidding the unveiling of specific military and defence secrets but no catch-all Official Secrets Act Mr Shayler was arrested in Paris on Saturday evening French lawyer had been

to post MI5 secrets on the internet. He is currently being held at the Prison de la Santé, a reportedly grim prison in Paris. He was due to be visited by consular officials yesterday

Redcoat' limping back to port with a broken mast yesterday, as Cowes Week opened in gale force winds; Sport, pages 25 and 26

Mr Shayler's solicitor, John Wadham, director of the civil rights group Liberty, yesterday repeated his client's intention to fight extradition. He said a

amid reports that he was about arranged to represent Mr Foreman, a French lawyer with Shayler.

Details of Mr Shayler's arrest remain unclear. He had travelled to Paris from rural France to record an interview for the BBC's Breakfast with Frost programme - due to be broadcast the following mornto his hotel after watching a

cases, said: "Obviously you can be prosecuted in France if you reveal a state secret. But as far as I understand this case, Mr Shayler is likely to be tried in Britain for infringing principle of state secrecy enshrined in ing. He was arrested returning the Official Secrets' Act. No such thing exists in France. We have a tradition of liberty of expression which would make

wide experience of extradition French laws forbidding the unveiling of specific military and defence secrets there was no catch-all Official Secrets Act.

He added: "At the very least, this is likely to be one of the principle submissions of Shayler's lawyers if they wish to fight the case as vigorously as possible. Whether such a submission would prevent his extradition altogether would

Roget gets on-message to girl power, Prozac and dangly bits

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From the new edition



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聞icit wildlife trade 'worth £4bn' The trafficking of endangered species is the biggest international criminal activity after the drugs trade. Page 6

Met police must rinse out racism The Commission for Racial Equality called for reforms to stamp out a culture of racism in the police. Page 9

FOREIGN NEWS

Vigil for Gypsies killed by Nazis A vigil was held in Budapest for the hundreds of thousands of Gypsies exterminated in Nazi camps.Page 12

Taiwan politician killed in China The murder on the mainland of a Taiwanese opposition politician has soured cross-Strait relations. Page 13

BUSINESS NEWS

Industry at lowest ebb since 1992 The UK's manufacturing sector is contracting at its fastest rate for almost six years.

SPORTS NEWS

New threat of European league The Premier League has received written assurances from its biggest clubs that they do not plan to join a Euro-

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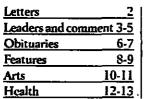
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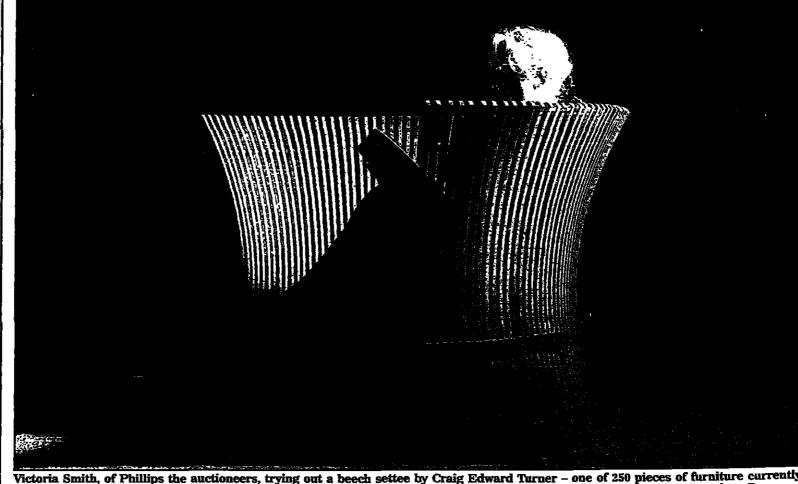
'It is easier for bishops to assert that homosexuality is a sin because in one or two places the Bible can be interpreted as giving support for this opinion.'



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Victoria Smith, of Phillips the auctioneers, trying out a beech settee by Craig Edward Turner – one of 250 pieces of furniture currently featured in a 'Celebration of Excellence' exhibition at Phillips' headquarters in New Bond Street, central London

Andrew Buurman

Ten-year-olds targeted in new heroin epidemic

TEENAGERS ARE being tricked By JASON BENNETTO into taking heroin by dealers who have successfully rebranded and marketed the addictive substance as a cheap recreational drug, a national study has found.

As revealed in The Independent last month, drug experts believe Britain is on the brink of a second heroin epidemic aimed at a new and younger group of users, including more middle-class teenagers.

Dealers have developed new markets in cities and towns that had previously escaped the worst ravages of the drug by selling heroin in affordable £5 and £10 wraps or bags, and

Crime Correspondent

Users as young as 10 are both smoking and injecting the Class A drug, many of them completely ignorant of its addictive powers, a Home Office report warned yesterday. The users' average age has dropped from 17 to 25 to 14 to 25. There is also some evidence that heroin is being used as a "chill out" drug by young adult dubbers.

Heroin is being supplied by networks of "mobile" dealers who can be summoned with a single telephone call.

The Government and the country's drugs "czar", Keith Heliawell, are so concerned

about the rise in the use of heroin that they intend to target the market for the drug among under 25s.

The report, on England and Wales and by the Home Office Police Research Group. warned that unlike the epidemic of the 1980s linked to hardened drug addicts, today's new users are younger and even include a minority of teenagers from affluent, stable

In some areas children aged between 10 and 12 were found trying the drug.

The principal author of the survey of England and Wales, Professor Howard Parker said: able to suggest that we are fac- another drug". It called for a faxing 0171 273 4001.

ing a second heroin epidemic." Outbreaks are spreading to most regions of England, particularly in the North East - including Newcastle and Hull -Yorkshire, West Midlands, Avon and the south-West, especially Bristol, places which have no previous history of significant

heroin abuse. In the 1980s the problem was most acute in London, Greater Manchester, Merseyside, Scottish cities and towns on the Western side of Britain.

Although many youngsters were smoking the drug, nearly three quarters were also injecting it. The study warned many of the new generation of

new public education blitz to "give heroin a bad name" and drive home the message about its particular dangers.

"Heroin outbreaks cannot be ignored. Heroin is not, as many apparently drug-wise young people in this study initially presumed, just another drug," said the report.

A dearth in current drug services was set to "seriously hamper" efforts to contain the spread, said the report, warning there would be an "unfortunate time-lag" before promised Government investment netted results.

"New Heroin Outbreaks Amongst Young People In England "It is, unfortunately, reason- heroin users considered it "just and Wales" is available by

Cervical cancer tests 'on critical list'

BY PAUL LASHMAR

BRITAIN'S cervical screening programme is in crisis, according to senior NHS man-

A survey to be published to: } morrow by the managers' union, MSF, says the service is facing severe staffing problems and blames poor pay and adverse publicity.

"In cytological screening the crisis is here," says Roger Kline of MSF. "What we are secing is the effect of years of neglect. It is vital - and this is confirmed by many of the comments in the survey - that the voices of cytology staff are heard, particularly when they talk about low morale and stress within the service."

The cervical screening programme has suffered a number of highly publicised scandals over the last decade including those at hospitals in Canterbury, Liverpool and Norfolk. Even the recent cancer scare at St George's Hospital in south London reflected badly on cytology although it had nothing to do with screeners.

"The profession is demoralised, said Russell Smith, a past President of the Association of Cytologists and a clinical scientist at Brighton General Hospital.

"We are not heading for a crisis, we are already in a crisis. I have screeners say they would rather tell people they are prostitutes than cervical screeners, as acquaintances say. 'Aren't you the lot that kill women?'."

"It is one of the most successful screening programmes in the world. In the last decade we have dropped the death rate by 40 per cent and it continues to decrease by 7 per cent

The MSF says that 76 per cent of the heads of pathology departments who took part in the survey had experienced difficulties in recruitment over the last 12 months.

The deputy co-ordinator of the NHS national screening programme, Richard Winder. said the survey exaggerated problems. "We wouldn't accept that the service is in crisis ... there are some recruitment and retaining difficulties which have established a working group taking an overview of the workforce as a totality."

He accepted that the service had an image problem: "Several recent incidents, which were exceptions, have lead to

Children found dead in back of father's car The couple were believed to being affected by the heat of the A MAN described as a "dedi- BY MARK WILKINSON AND near Uttoxeter, said the two

cated father" was found hanging from a tree and his three car on Sunday in a Staffordshire beauty spot near Alton Towers.

Lucy Carter, seven, her sister Hollie, three, and brother Thomas, four, were discovered by a farm worker in their father's black Ford Capri at

DAMIEN PEARSE

children were found dead in a 10am. Their father, Steven, 36, was discovered hanging from a tree in a copse 200 yards away. The children's mother Teresa, 32, from Kingstone,

near Uttoxeter, was said to be "utterly devastated". The farm worker at Wootton.

of the car and the boy was lifeless in the front. Police said a small fire had been lit in the car.

Detective Superintendent Jeff Virgo said yesterday that the police were treating the deaths as unlawful, but were not seeking anybody else in connection with the incident

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girls were huddled in the back have suffered domestic probsaid the couple had split up.

A briefcase belonging to Mr Carter was discovered in the back of the car. Inside were family photographs, financial documents and letters.

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Pub landlord Barry Edwards said Mr Carter was a "dedicated father"who "seemed like an extremely caring father. He would sit and Det Supt Virgo said the watch his kids play on the youngsters showed signs of swings in the pub garden."

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Noon today OUTLOOK A windy day in Scotland with showers which will be occasionally heavy in the

north and west. In Southern and eastern Scotland the showers will be very well scappered with more in the way of sunshine and it will be warmer. Northern Ireland and northern England will have a breezy day with the odd shower and sunny spells. Elsewhere in England and Wales it will be dry with some sunny spell after overnight rain clears from south-east England first thing in the morning.

NEXT FEW DAYS

Wednesday will be warmer in many parts with plenty of sunshine in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, Western and northern Scodand will see showers which may merge to a longer spell of rain towards the end of the day. Thursday will be wet in Scotland but remaining parts of the country will be dry and warmer. Friday will become dry with sunny spells. Everywhere will be pleasantly warm for the time of the year.

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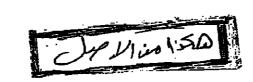
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THE WORLD YESTERDAY

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A bit of a stink at the Garrick over Winnie the Pooh's pot of money



IT IS not known whether Winnie the Poob would be allowed to become a member of the Garrick Club. On the plus side, the is male, he is hairy and he has an oral fetish of the most . needs a new wing or anything." rampant sort. On the minus side, he is a bear

But the club that won't have women has never expressed a view on ursine types and, since his creator A.A. Milne was a member, then Winnie probably could be one too.

This comes up because the Garrick's 1,000 human types are faced with the kind of problem that Winnie would know just what to do with. A.A. Milne left the rights to Pooh to four beneficiaries: his family, the Royal Literary Fund, his school (Westminster) and his club (said Garrick). Now Disney wants to Touy the rights for future royalty for £200m. That means that each beneficiary could get about £50m. The idea of this amount of cash coming through the letterbox at Garrick Street, in central London, has caused uproar among members with a battle raging about who and what should benefit from all this money and how it all should be

decided. simply too much money to be a certain grey donkey. "That's sensible about. Pooh knows what I call bouncing," said Eeythis too. "That's a goloptious ore when confronted with Tigfull-up pot of honey," he said when contacted in the story the Game. "Taking people by Piglet Meets a Heffalump. Oth-surprise. Very unpleasant habit. ers see it in more precise terms ... I don't see why Tigger should and figure that, after the deal come into my little corner of the about £850 per member per is done, there could be some forest and bounce there."

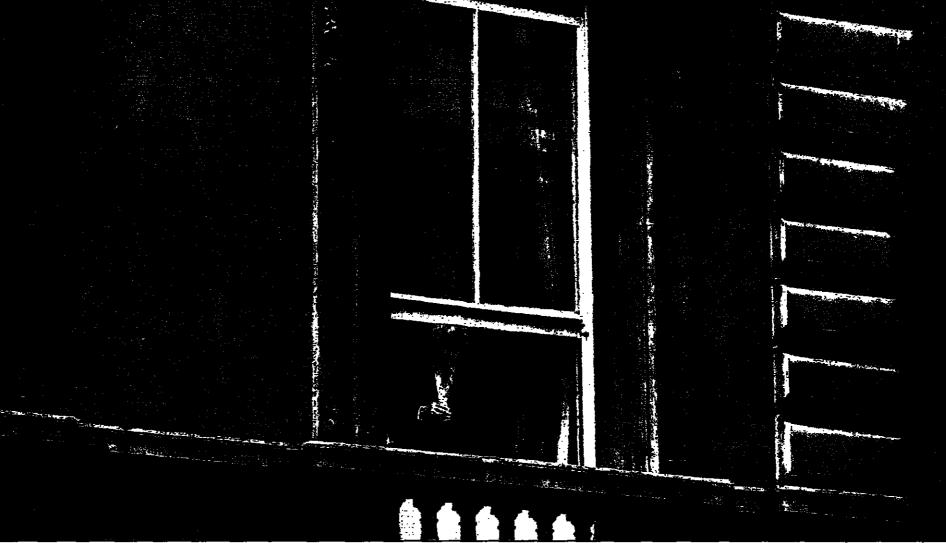
BY ANN TRENEMAN

£39,000 available for each individual member

"I don't think the Garrick said Lord Lamont, former Chancellor of the Exchequer. "I feel a little like Winnie the Pooh who, when asked if he would like honey or jam, replied he would like both - and without the bread." Pooh rejects this and says Lord "Tigger" Lamont has taken his comments out of context.

But, back in the unreal world of the Garrick, the 30-member general committee has taken matters into its own hands and called a special general meeting for Friday week. It wants members to agree to accept the Disney offer and to use some of the money to set up a charitable fund which, for tax purposes, must be approved before the autumn. The idea is to give money to charities that have nothing to do with Lord Lamont, charities of the kind that A.A. Milne supported generously when he was alive.

Scarcely had the confidential letter about this been received than some members began to The problem is that it is react in a way not unknown to ger in the story Eeyore Joins



A member peers from the Garrick Club before lunch yesterday and (top left) an illustration from the Winnie the Pooh books

Brian Harris

Nor do the Eeyores of the Garrick see why their committee insists on bouncing about. "It is being seen as an outrageous act of gross arrogance," said one member. What is? "The presumption that they can hand out the members' money in this fashion," he said. In what fashion? "In that fashion," he explained before laying out some other ideas. Why not use to money to increase the availability for bedrooms, to support an arts fund and to reduce the fees which run to

Hmmm. Now that latter idea is the kind of charity that every member might support. But the Eeyores do not seem to have the full story. This, as general committee chairman Anthony Butcher notes with some exasperation, was set out in the letter. He agrees that the timing is less than ideal. "I don't want to have the meeting then any more than anyone does but we can't control Disney's timetable," he says. The deal also depends on whether Disney gets approval from the US Congress to relative, is that any pay-out I say, many of your members

that the deal is done, then this is what the general committee proposes to do with what Mr Butcher believes will be £30 million after tax. First some money is to be reserved for the upkeep of the club. "A cock-shy is about £10 million from the money." said Mr Butcher. Next a charitable fund would be set up but would be capped at £8 million.

That leaves £12 million. The first reaction to this in Clubland,

But, given that the US Con- the £35,000 being pocketed by Butcher looks back to what other people" including his felgress does give its approval and RAC members. So it would be. But Mr Butcher goes further than that. He says he is quite positive that Garrick Club members would not want their personal bank accounts added to in any such way. "My sense is that it is real reluctance amongst members for there to be any share-out at all," he says.

Why is this? "Well, because they are nice chaps I suppose," he said. Oh really, I say. "Well I can't think they would be frightwhere it seems that all greed is ened of you in the press." But, lengthen copyright in this case. would be considerably less than are the press. At this point Mr

A.A. Milne might have thought. "I'm pretty certain that when he did this he thought it might be most of it away, having once able to buy a couple of cases of said: "The only money which we vintage port or, say, in the case are never sorry to have spent of Westminster, have an extra is the money which we have helping of plum duff at Christmas," he said.

wasn't thinking in terms of the anything about anything," he sort of money that is avail-notes, "it's Owl who knows sort of money that is avail-

Rupert Hart-Davis once recalled Milne at the Garrick taking a gloomy view of most are."And Owl? Well, he is defithings - Tito and Stalin, to give

seems he would have given given away."

But back to Pooh. What What? "In other words he would he do? "If anyone knows something about something or my name is not Winnie-the-Pooh which it is. So there you nitely a member of the Garrick, two examples, but also "most but he's not talking - yet.

THE GARRICK CLUB: A SAFE HAVEN FOR THE CONNECTED AND THE FLATULENT

■ Founded in 1831, primarily for actors ■ One of the club's who could not obtain membership of the likes of St James and Pall Mall. Most members are now in the law, journalism and advertising.

■ The tie is ghastly pink and green (supposed to be cucumber and salmon, sported right by Sir Robin Day). "The great thing about the Garrick tie is that it goes with absolutely nothing," said a



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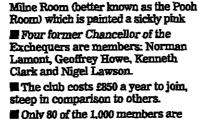
Members voted against women joining in 1992. "I think the fear is the sort of women who would join," said one man. They'll be thrusters - the middleaged and late middle-aged journalists who want to get on. They'll be the clever barristers and they'll be Edwina Currie, you know. This is the problem."

most famous rows was between Thackeray and Dickens (right). The over an indiscreet remark made by Thackeray of Dickens's affair with Ellen Ternan. To get

his own back, Dickens backed the literary journalist Edmund Yates who had written a rude column about Thackeray. Dickens ended up resigning.

Farnous names who have been blackballed include Jeremy Paxman (right), whose opponents refused to say why they didn't want the mild-mannered journalist m





(right), rejected for

Justice Goddard (the

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members who have

been blackballed

Wenham, former

director of BBC TV

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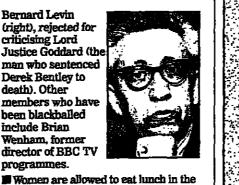
Derek Bentley to

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below the age of 45.



Only 80 of the 1,000 members are It is one of the few places left in England that still serves charcoal biscuits, which absorb flatulence.

Four Britons named among top actors of the decade

By DIANA BLAMIRES

FOUR British names have been included in a list of Holliverood's 25 greatest actors of he decade.

Sir Anthony Hopkins, Ralph Fiennes, Daniel Day-Lewis and Gary Oldman are amongst those to appear on the Entertainment Weekly magazine list, jointly topped by Oscar-winner Kevin Spacey and Samuel L

They join such Hollywood luminaries as Robert De Niro, Harvey Keitel, Tom Hanks and Robin Williams.

The authors decided to exclude "pure movie stars" such as Mel Gibson, Harrison Ford and Brad Pitt, who are described as "larger-than-life Acreen idols whose charisma outstrips their ability to disappear into any role". The magazine adds: "They're great, but this list isn't about star quality." Women are not included on

THE TOP 25 HOLLYWOOD ACTORS OF THE NINETIES

Kevin Bacon Alec Baldwin Jeff Bridges Nicolas Cage Daniel Day-Lewis Robert De Niro Johany Depp Robert Downey Jr Ralph Fiennes Laurence Fishburn Morgan Freeman Tom Hanks Ed Harris

Sir Anthony Hopkins Samuel L Jackson Harvey Keitel Kevin Kline William H Macy John Malkovich Gary Oldman Sean Penn Kevin Spacey Denzel Washington Robin Williams James Woods

the list, but will appear on a separate one to be published by the magazine in due course. Entertainment Weekly heaps praise on Sir Anthony Hopkins, stating: "Hopkins is the sort of sublimely subtle actor who makes you glad there

will always be a Wales."

It says of Gary Oldman: "When he's mean, he's magand cool as icicles."

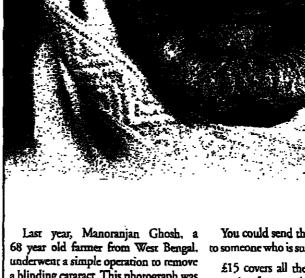
nificent, arousing audiences with performances as sharp The list omits "greying greats" such as Jack Nicholson

because only actors whose best

or supporting actors - can be seen currently are eligible. The compilers also concentrated on men whose best work has been primarily in film, which means Broadway stars and TV greats are missing.

The magazine explains through its website exactly how it whittled down Hollywood's greatest names to a mere 25. "Ultimately, we chose those actors who have most moved us over the past 10 years, whose presence on the screen always makes us perk up in our seats. whose technical finesse never fails to impress us," it says. The authors also admit, how-

ever, that "choosing the 25 best actors of the 1990s was by far the most challenging inscribing we've ever attempted. Not just because it's so subjective - one man's killer performance is another's tour de crap - but also because there's a tremendous amount of extraordinary talent work - whether as leading men these days."



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The Shayler Case: Former intelligence officer threatening to reveal all on the Internet was tracked all the way to Paris

Ex-MI5 agent was watched constantly

DAVID SHAYLER, the former BY ANDREW BUNCOMBE MI5 agent being held in a French prison, had been under services since leaving Britain, it was claimed last night.

After he moved to France at the end of last year, an official source said that operatives had been monitoring his moves. "There was no difficulty posed by trying to find him. I don't think there was ever a problem vis a vis 'Where is David

Shavler'." said the source. Mr Shavler: 32, was arrested Paris after returning to his hotel from a bar where he had been watching his favourite team, Middlesbrough, playing at home to Newcastle.

At his hotel, the Golden Tulip in St Germain, Mr Shayler was

met by members of the Direction de la Surveillance de Territoir - the French equivalent of the Special Branch. After estioning at the Ministry of the Interior he was taken to the Prison de la Sante.

Mr Shayler travelled to Paris from a cottage in rural France where he was living with his girlfriend – Annie Machon, herself a former MI5 officer.

He was in Paris to record an interview for the BBC's Breakat 8pm on Saturday evening in fast with Frost programme to be broadcast the following He was also meeting a re-

porter from the Mail on Sunday, the paper to which he originally sold his revelations

Adding to the intrigue was the presence of Richard Tomlinson - a former MI6 officer who served a 12-month prison sentence for breaching the Official Secrets Act.

Mr Tomlinson, a former SAS officer who was arrested by French security police hours before Mr Shayler, had been talking to reporters from another Sunday newspaper. He Machon by telephone and it is understood that at some point during the weekend he may

There was speculation last night that security officers may have been alerted to Mr Shayler's whereabouts by intercepting phonecalls he was

also have spoken to Mr Shayler.

Frost team were speaking to Mr Shayler by mobile phone but that they were not aware where he was staying.

"The location for the interview had still to be arranged

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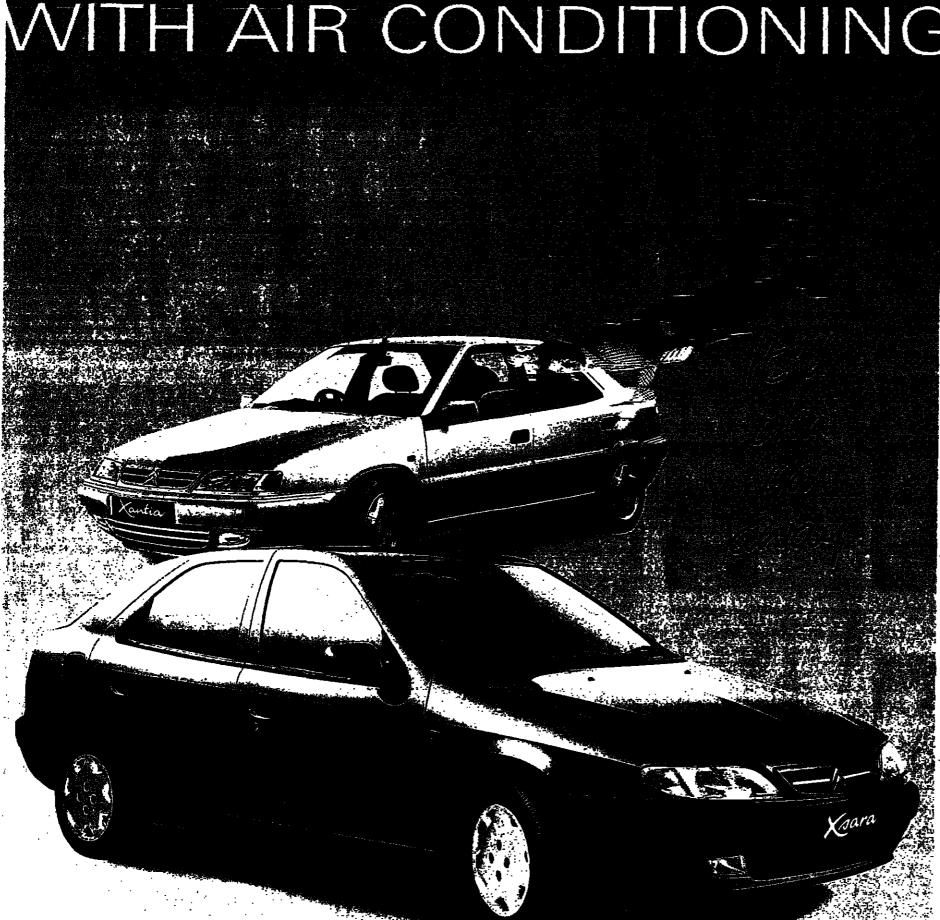
where he was staying. Even if people had intercepted the calls they would not have heard any-The claim that Mr Shayler

would have been well aware of Mr Shayler's self-imposed exile in France and several officers from M16 - the foreign intelli-



the British Embassy in Paris. David Shayler, with girlfriend Annie Machon, was being watched since last year Alastair Miller/Sunday Think

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Shayler: the unanswered

A 32-year-old former M15 officer who revealed secrets about the intelligence service published in a series of newspaper articles last year and then fled across the Channel into self-imposed exile.

What has he revealed in the

He said that MI5 kept files on Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, and Peter Mandelson, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, when they were stu-

He also claimed that intelligence about a planned bomb attack on the Israeli embassy in London was not passed on. A High Court injunction prevents detailed publication of the allegations in the UK.

Why was Mr Shayler arrested on Saturday?

Though the Home Office will there is widespread speculation it was linked to his plan to publish M15 secrets on the Inter-

It has been claimed that tails of a British plan to assassinate the Libyan leader, publisher Colonel Muammar Gaddafi. and allegations of a breakdown in communication between Britain's intelligence services out a number of "spectaculars" - major bomb attacks.

Shayler now?

In the first instance, Mr Shayler's case will go before the Chambre d'Accusation, which

prima facie case for his extradition to Britain. The British government has 40 days to present its evidence and the Chambre must then make its

decision within 45 days. Under French extradition procedure - although not formally under French law - the Prime Minister, Lionel Jospin, decides whether or not to foilow the Chambre's advice. Once he has pronounced, the defence lawyers can, in theory, lodge appeals right up to the Conseil d'Etat - the final constitutional appeal court.

Under a strict interpretation of French law, Mr Shayler could be returned to Britain while such appeals were being prepared and heard. Under French legal tradition, however, the suspect is always held in France until the appeals process is exhausted.

and bow is he linked?

Richard Tomlinson, a former SAS member, has just finished serving a 12-month sentence for breaching the Official Seamong these secrets were de- crets Act when he sent a synopsis on a book to an Australian

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He travelled to France last week without a passport and was arrested on Saturday night. Mr Tomlinson, who was which allowed the IRA to carry released without charge, has said he has no plans to pursue his book deal. He dismissed speculation that he was in Paris What will happen to Mr to co-operate on a book with Mr

> ANDREW BUNCOMBE AND LINUS GREGORIADIS

IN BRIEF

British expert is killed, training Angolans to defuse landmines

A BRITISH landmines expert has died while working in war-ravaged Angola, the Foreign Office confirmed yester-day. Justin Bailey, 27, was helping teach Angolans to defuse mines when he was killed in an explosion.

His body has been flown back to Britain and a memorial service is planned in his home city of Gloucester. A spokeswoman for the British Embassy in Angola said Mr Bailey was working for the Norwegian People's Aid organi isation and his death was "a tragic accident".

House-price slowdown confirmed

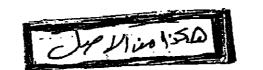
THE slowdown in house prices was highlighted by figures from the Halifax, the higgest mortgage lender. The price index showed a 0.6 per cent rise in July, against 1 per cent in June. But compared to last year, house prices were 6 per cent higher. The Halifax said the figures showed prices were still growing at a moderate pace and predicted the pattern would continue over the next few months.

Fourteen held in dawn raids

FOURTEEN people were arrested in a series of dawn raids across southern England which resulted in the seizure of drugs, weapons and more than £100,000 in cash. Around 200 officers took part in the raids at over 20 addresses in South London, Essex, Kent and Dorset, It followed a year long intelligence operation by the National Crime Squad into a variety of alleged crimes including armed robbery and drug trafficking.

Warning on contaminated beer

POLICE warned drinkers after thieves snatched a lorgy loaded with contaminated beer. The crates of Caffreys were recalled after being contaminated with cleaning fluid but the lorry was stolen in Peterborough, Cambridgeshire. The beer was not deadly but could "make you violently sick and could be harmful if taken in large quan-



Pilot who helped Nadir faces jail

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BY KATE WATSON-SMYTH

A PILOT was yesterday facing a prison sentence after being convicted of helping the fugitive businessman Asil Nadir flee from British justice.

Peter Dimond, 56, arranged a flight out of Britain in 1993 for the tycoon who was facing charges of theft and false accounting following the collapse of his £1.3bn Polly Peck empire three years

The pair flew to Northern Cyprus, beyond the reach of British jurisdiction, and toasted Nadir's escape with champagne and caviar

Dimond was yesterday remanded on bail for presentence reports after he was convicted of doing acts tending or intending to pervert the course of justice between January and May 1993. He had denied the charge and showed no emotion when the jury announced their verdict after five hours of deliberations.

Afterwards, the Serious Fraud Office confirmed that it still intended to proceed against Nadir if he ever returns to British jurisdiction.

The court heard that it was Dimond's sense of "fair play" which led him to help Nadir, whose £3m bail terms prevented him from leaving the country. The businessman told Dimond that he was being hounded by the Serious Fraud Office and the administrators to the trustees appointed to Polly

Nadir told the pilot of his arтest, that his mail was being intercepted, and of the raids on his office and home which resulted in his documents being seized. The only way to clear his name would be to get to Northern Cyprus to collect his files so that he could prepare his defence, he said.

Dimond, who did not know Nadir very well, listened intently as he recounted his troubles in the garden of his London home. They spoke outside because Nadir was afraid of being bugged.

He said he believed Nadir had been unfairly treated by the British authorities and needed time to prepare his case. "I always thought it would be sorted. I never doubted his integrity," he told the court.

Julian Bevan, QC, prosecuting, told the court that Dimond



Mr Bevan added that Di-

mond "saw Nadir as a man who

had been unfairly treated, a

shadow of his former self who

to back off and go somewhere

where I could have peace and

quiet, and put my house in

guised in a hat and sunglasses,

was flown out from Compton

Abbas airfield. The pilot was not

told the identity of his passen-

ger and did not recognise him

in his disguise.

On 4 May 1993 Nadir, dis-

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POLLY PECK'S RISE AND FALL

1963: Asil Nadir comes to London and works in the family clothing business in the East End of London.

1970s: He buys a cash and carry clothing business, Wearwell, which he floats on the stock market, and takes a stake in ailing clothing firm Polly Peck.

1981 and 1983: Polly Peck wins Queen's Awards for Exports 1989: Nadir raises £557m to buy Del Monte, making Polly Peck the world's third largest fruit distributor. 1990: Polly Peck expands into an electronics, fresh fruit and

leisure empire worth £2bn and becomes the first western company to buy a Japanese corporation, the Sansui electrical group. But confidence in his empire declines when Nadir changes his mind about taking the company private. September 1990: Confidence falls further after a raid by the Serious Fraud Office on a company linked to Nadir wiping £1bn off Polly Peck shares overnight.

October 1990: Polly Peck calls in administrators to run the group as a going concern despite debts of £1.3bn. December 1990: Nadir is arrested at Heathrow and charged with stealing more than £150m from the company. 1993: Nadir skips bails and flees to Northern Cyprus.

did not know Nadir well, but had said he believed he would return to this Britain and stand

Dimond, a Barnardo's boy, had always wanted to be a pilot but he had been rejected by the RAF. He managed to obtain a flying licence, but made his living buying and selling cars.

By the early 1990s, the court heard, he was a small businessman feeling the effects of the recession. His wife, Hopie, had become friendly with Nadir's mistress Lesley Ellwood and the couples occasionally socialised.

Dimond said he saw the change which had come over the tycoon after the Polly Peck collapse. He allegedly thought Nadir had been "degraded to the point of desperation."

mainly to reassure the businessman, who was more used to travelling in luxury jets and was nervous about the tiny Dimond was given £300 in

Dimond accompanied him -

£50 notes for the hire of the plane, and an extra £100 for petrol money for himself.

They first flew to Beauvais. near Paris, and then in a jet, via Vienna and Istanbul, to Northern Cyprus where Nadir remains to this day.

Dimond said he had not known that a plane would be waiting for Nadir in Beauvais, but decided to accompany him

He arrived without so much as a toothbrush, but after arriving in northern Cyprus, he "soon learned of the uproar and realised that if he was to return. he was going to face trouble." He stayed for five years

walked with a stick and had a before leaving last January. He grey pallor - not a man he had was arrested in Haverfordwest, in Wales, after agreeing He told officers: "I am a reato drive a Range Rover to sonable fair-minded person. I Dublin. He told police: "I am the felt he was not getting the opperson who flew Asil Nadir out of the country. I have no regrets portunity to present a defence. "I know in my own life, if that for doing this." happened to me, I would want

But the man who had only ever wanted to fly planes was finally brought down by his own ambition. Nadir talked about restoring his fortunes and said that when he got his charter airline off the ground there could be a job for Dimond. Instead Dimond ended up

spending five years in exile before returning to face a prison sentence.



Peter Dimond leaving court yesterday after being convicted of helping the Photograph: Simone Smith fugitive Asil Nadir (above left) flee the country

Tycoon happy in his exile home

FOR A man who once commanded a \$4bn lemons-toelectronics empire, Asil Nadir appears surprisingly content in exile. One of his few sources of irritation is the persistent description of him

in the media as a fugitive. He says a fugitive is some one who is fleeing to a country that is not his own. He was born in northern Cyprus and his mother, his sister and his childhood friends are there. From his struggling Turkish Cypriot beginnings Nadir showed his entrepreneurial spirit early. Aged six he was selling newspapers on

the streets of Famagusta. The family moved to the East End of London in 1963 and set up a rag trade company. Nadir was quick to branch out, buying a cashand-carry clothing business in Commercial Road and. through a series of deals, expanded his empire to the now notorious Polly Peck.

By its peak in the summer of 1990, Polly Peck was worth £2bn and employed 30,000. But its collapse soon after left him bankrupt and facing £30m fraud and theft charges.

In 1993, he fled to northern Cyprus, which is not recognised by the international community and has no extradition treaties with the UK.

He enjoys government support in the breakaway Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and lives there quite openly. President Denktash gave the UK short shrift over its request to have Nadir handed back when he fled Britain. But the 57-year-old divorcee (he prefers the term bachelor) has not been idle during his exile. A year after his arrival he was operating two hotels and was already at work on a third, and controls northern Cyprus's biggest newspaper and a packaging

KATE WATSON-SMYTH

Teenage girl smokers risk eating disorders

BY GLENDA COOPER Social Affairs Correspondent

TEENAGE GIRLS who use cigarettes as a slimming aid are more likely to develop eating disorders, a new study has

Girls are "trading pounds off their weight for years off their lives." warned researchers. They said that while teenage smokers on average lost a stone in weight, they were also twice as likely to be bulimic. The study of 3,000 girls found

that those who smoked were 30 per cent more likely to be overweight and prone to eat too much. Losing weight was given as the main reason for taking up the habit, a quarter said that smoking made them feel less hungry

The majority of smokers whatever their weight - also wanted to be considerably thinner than they actually were, and in a further attempt to keep their weight down, were twice as likely to vomit frequently after overeating. The Cancer Research Cam-

paign study, published today in the BMA's Postgraduate Medical Journal, assessed 1,936 girls in London and 832 girls in Ottawa, Canada, aged 11 to 18. The study showed about 20 Let's talk about sex, says minister



Teenage girls light up to lose weight and gain image

quarter of whom were smokers in both London and Ottawa.

Girls were up to three times after starting their periods. when normal changes in body shape often lead to worries about weight

Nearly one-third of all the

and the habit was strongest more if they quit smoking. among 15 and 16-year-olds, a Those who drank alcohol were also more likely to smoke.

The smokers reported weight losses of a stone or more likely to take up smoking more since puberty which they associated with smoking. "[The girls] often believe [smoking] will help them in their goal of

School, London. "The evidence is that it works."

"A great number of perfectly ordinary schoolgirls are showing they are unhappy with how they look."

More worrying was the fact that girls were using cigarettes to control their their weight and were trading the pounds "for years off their life," he added.

"This study portrays a desperately sad picture of teenage girls' self-image and their unsuccessful attempts to attain an idealised, lower weight," said Professor Gordon McVie, director general of the CRC. "But smoking is not the way to do it."

Banning tobacco advertising would benefit, but families should also help, convincing girls that changes of shape are natural after puberty, he said.

The anti-smoking group Ash (Action on Smoking and Health) called on the tobacco industry to halt youth-orientated marketing immediately. "For some teenage girls smoking has more in common with desperate conditions such as anorexia and bulimia than it does with girl power," said director Clive Bates. "The tragedy of smoking is that the outward defiant and independent face of the young smoker often conceals terrible teenage

weight control and weight loss," said the chief researcher Progirls interviewed thought they fessor Arthur Crisp, from St would put on weight and eat George's Hospital Medical anxiety and self-loathing."

PARENTS COULD reduce the By GLENDA COOPER number of tecnage pregnancies and abortions by talking openly with their children about sex, ministers said yesterday.

At the start of the Family Planning Association's Sexual Health Weck, public health minister Tessa Jowell warned that teenage mothers were more common in families where sex and relationships were not talked about.

Britain currently has the highest rate of teenage pregnancies in western Europe, with 1 per cent of girls under 16

becoming pregnant. Half of these girls have abortions. "Openness in families about

sex and relationships is a key factor in tackling teenage pregnancies," said Ms Jowell. "Research confirms that teenage births are more common among those who grew up in families where discussion about sex was difficult or did not free booklet - Talking to your take place. It is vital that we ad-

A survey of 11- and 16-yearolds revealed that most thought

their parents should be the main source of sex education, followed by teachers. However, emberrassed parents shy away from the task, or others lack expertise because of their own

poor sex education. During the FPA week, entitled Get Securise!, 100 parents will have the chance to talk about their concerns at a seminar organised by the FPA. A child about sex - will also be available from Tesco pharmacies throughout August. "Recent research concludes

that young people feel their sex education is too little, too late and too biological and that the people they most want to talk to about sex and relationships are parents and carers," said Anne Weyman, chief executive

She added: "The FPA is now putting in place a strategy which, over the next three years, will actively support parents and carers and professionals working with them, with information, training and advice to make this part of parenting

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Animal smuggling is the most lucrative crime after drugs

THE illegal trafficking of exot- BY IAN BURRELL ic and endangered species is now the biggest international criminal activity after the drugs trade, according to Interpol.

A senior officer said yesterday that the growing illicit market for rare animals and plants was worth £4bn a year. Some of the most sought-after species are being sold illegally through British pet shops.

Paul Andrews, environmental crime specialist at Interpol, which is based at the National purchasing countries for these marked increase in such thefts, rare species and we have crim- with 40 peregrine falcons stolen

Home Affairs Correspondent

inals here brokering sales for the markets in America and

British species are also

being targeted. Dutch and German police have warned that organised gangs of traders in birds of prey are taking carefully planned trips to Scotland to raid the nests of golden eagles, red kites and peregrine falcons. The Royal Society for Criminal Intelligence Service, the Protection of Birds said last said: "Britain is one of major night that there had been a

wanted rare bird is the Lear's macaw, of which only 98 are believed to still exist.

worth around £80,000 each were found in raids on houses in Yorkshire in April. It is believed they were

Three of the birds - which are

brought to Britain from Australia, South America and Malaysia. During the raids, Customs

officers also seized 10 palm cockatoos and several yellowtailed and red-tailed black cockatoos. both endangered species, and worth up to

smuggled exotic birds is the hyacinth macaw, which will fetch around £20,000. The traders estimate that they need to smuggle 12 eggs to have a good chance of one surviving.

Many of the bird smugglers wear customised jackets beneath their outer clothing. Each jacket contains up to 20 pouches in which the rare eggs are placed in the knowledge that they will not show up on X-ray

The illegal trade in tortoises is also buoyant. Customs officers at Dover and Heathrow

tortoises, which are usually taken and laundered on the sands of pounds for wild-bred can be worth £1,000 each.

The RSPB said last night that German falconers were believed to be mainly responsible for the loss of 40 peregrine falcons reported stolen last year There are only 1.300 pairs in the

Guy Shorrock, investigations officer for the RSPB, said: "During the last two breeding seasons there seems to have been a renewed interest in our native peregrines, particularly the ones from Scotland. There are a lot of indications that a

smuggled in hand luggage and Continent, especially in Ger-The thieves often come in

> camper vans, equipped with ingenerator. They take the birds back to the Continent and pass them off as captive-bred.

Mr Shorrock said that the internal UK market for peregrines had almost died out following the prosecution of a several dealers through DNA testing of the birds.

lar in Germany, where dealers

in relation to alleged attempts to buy peregrine falcons in con-

But falconry is highly popualso have contacts with Arab survey of reported thefts and airport have seized India Star number of birds are being falconers prepared to pay thou- seizures.

birds. He said: "German and Dutch falconers are coming over to Britain themselves but there are a number of people cubators run from the vehicle's here who are willing to help for money."Two men from the

Netherlands are facing charges

travention of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species.

Later this year Interpol is due to publish a report on the international trade in primates based on a world-wide police

BY CLARE GARNER CERTAIN FORMS of an death, including withers food and water from people in a persistent vegetative state and increasing the desage of painkillers for the diang days been approved by the charch. In response to calls fill the legalisation of euthanastic on several countries, Audican bishops at the Lambeth Conference have made a distinction between enthanasia and with-holding withdrawing declining or terminating excessive med-ical treatment, all of which

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die with dignity". The Archbishop of Brisbane. the Rt Rev Peter Hollingworth denied the Church was advocating euthanasia, but said it wanted people to have the right to chose to have treatment withdrawn or withheld in estremis". While the conference has no legal powers, it has com. siderable moral authority over

maybe consonant with Christian faith in enabling a person to

the world's 80 million Anglicans. The definition of the Church's stance on euthanas has emerged after two week debate behind closed doors. The concluding report declares that "a legitimate moral dis-tinction can be drawn between allowing someone to die and

causing that person to die".

It stresses that "euthanasia is <u>not</u> to be equated with such actions as declining or term nating medical treatmen where excessive intervention would lead to further or in creased suffering and the outcome would be futile".

Archbishop Hollingworth said the church wanted to clear up confusion about means of making death more dignified. Although bishops from Africa, and India had described all forms of assisted death asi "murder" at the first meeting they had come round to the idea that there were circumstances where allowing someone to dia was the Christian thing to do was the constant thing to do.

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However, the bishops rules out the idea of legislation be bility" of preventing abuse, the danger of "a diminution of respect for all human life", and the potential destruction of the "important and delicate trust of the doctor/patient relation-

viding analgesics even if the ef-

Birds die as Spanish bungle toxic clean-up

THE SPANISH authorities are By MICHAEL MCCARTHY Europe's biggest nature reserve, which was badly sludge which has still not been from a giant iron mine waste damaged in a massive pollution incident three months ago, the its marshes and mudflats when upstream from the Donana at for the Protection of Birds and its Spanish counterpart claimed vesterday.

facing a further threat of major

the autumn rains arrive.

This pollution is likely when the bird population on the arrival of hundreds of thousands of winter visitors from

The sludge, containing high arsenic and cadmium, came cleaned up will be washed over reservoir which burst 30 miles he end of April

It cascaded down the River Guadiamar, covering farmlands, olive groves and rice paddies with a thick carpet of toxic mud, and badly damaged the marshes which are the econorthern Europe such as teal, logical core of the area, but was

bungling the clean-up of Environment Correspondent levels of heavy metals such as dead fish were collected and tologia). nearly 2,000 adult birds, chicks, eggs and nests were killed or have opposing plans for the for June have still not been accompanies them could destroyed - less than initially Donana's future protection; the recruited, and barely 20 per spread the uncollected sludge feared.

> the operation is being botched because of a turf war between the regional government of the National Park with a vast the chemical changes taking Andalucia in Seville and the new dyke 35km (22 miles) long. national government in Madrid, the RSPB said yesterday in a lions of pounds and EU funding joint 100-days-on progress re- would be available, but

More than 25,000 kilos of Sociedad Espanola de Orni-

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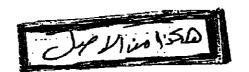
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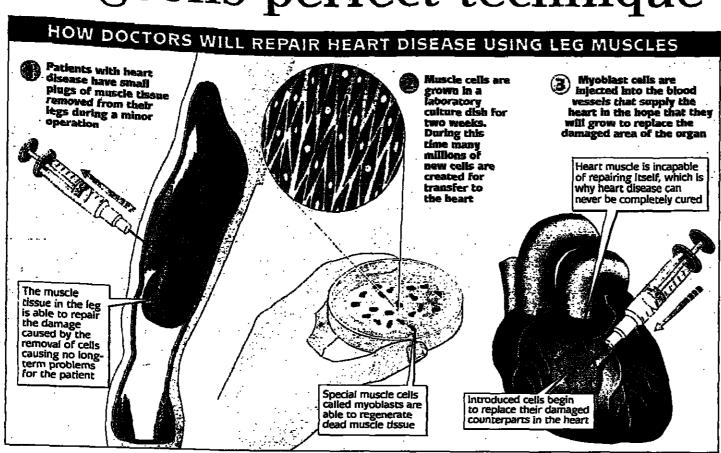
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Surgeons perfect technique to mend heart tissue



PATIENTS WITH incurable heart BY STEVE CONNOR disease could soon be treated with injections of their own muscle cells, following a breakthrough in attempts to repair damaged heart tis-

Victims of heart disease have had to live with the possibility that their heart muscle, once destroyed, can never be mended.

But scientists in the US have revealed that this may not always be

the case. Muscle cells taken from the legs of laboratory animals suffering from heart disease have been shown to take over some of the functions of heart tissue that was effectively dead.

The scientists have demonstrated that skeletal muscle which is used to move arms and legs - can "learn" how to behave like heart muscle, which is uniquely adapated to perform the millions of regular contractions a heart carries out over the course of a lifetime.

Doris Taylor a surgeon at the Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina, said the research marks an important turning point in attempts to repair the damage caused by heart disease. which can result from a poor blood

Science Editor

supply to the heart. In research published in the current issue of the journal Nature Medicine, Dr Taylor and her colleagues found that cells of leg muscles became attached to the damaged heart and took up many of the characteristics of heart

muscle. The results on animals mean better. that the first attempts at transplanting cells from the leg muscles of patients with severe heart failure who are awaiting transplants

could take place next year. Doctors plan to take small plugs of muscle tissue from the thigh and grow the cells in the laboratory for two weeks before injecting them

back into the damaged heart. "Even if the cells boosted contractions by only 10 or 15 per cent. that could mean a significant difference in a patient's quality of life," Dr Tavlor said

"Our hope is that, as a first step to treating patients, transplanted cells may boost the heart's ability to contract, at least long enough for a new heart to become available."

The research on laboratory animais is the first to show that it is feasible to use normal muscle cells as replacements for damage heart

"We were excited to see that in many of our test animals, contractions began to approach that of a

normal animal," Dr Taylor said. "When we examined the treasted hearts their heart tissue was less stiff than if we had not treated them, meaning the heart could stretch

In the experiments, the scientists injected each of 12 rabbits with 10 million muscle cells grown in the laboratory from tiny plugs of tissue from the animals' hindlimbs.

Between three and six weeks later, the scientists found that the injected cells had become organised into a pattern that resembled heart tissue, suggesting that the skeletal muscle had somehow "learned"

how to act like heart muscle. The scientists will try to work with German researchers who have been able to stimulate regrowth of blood vessels to the heart

Dr Taylor added: "If we could combine new blood vessel formation with new muscle formation, we could for the first time regenerate living heart muscle where there was only dead tissue '

Hire car crash in , Spain kills five



The wreck of the bire-car in which the tourists died

MOTORING ORGANISATIONS BY RANDEEP RAMESH yesterday warned of the dangers of "hire car holidays" after Spain's highway department a head-on collision in Spain reported that 36 had been killed

claimed the lives of five young

Experts say tourists must

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exercise extreme care when nemountains or the beaches. The worst traffic jam came gotiating unfamiliar and often on Saturday morning when poorly maintained highways. Madrid residents headed Driving abroad for Britons south-east to the Valencia requires 100 per cent concenbeaches. The drive normally tration," said an AA spokeswoman. "People have to be takes about three hours, but on even more careful than they Saturday it took motorists six, as a 30-mile tailback formed would be at home. When

outside Madrid. The accident which claimed the lives of the British holidaymakers was reportedly the worst crash of last weekend's

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The five, who were from London and Kent, have been named as Samuel Ota Imaga, 23, Vivian Obiajulu Egesi, 21, people compared with the UK Ian Boatswain, 21, Jaimini Kara 21, and Falilat Oluremilekun has the worst rate in Europe at Dawodu, 24.

Their Ford hire car was trav elling behind another car containing five friends. The group was returning from a day out in Valencia to their holiday apartment in Benidorm.

Hire-car holidays have become increasingly popular with British tourists. But the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents warned holidaymakers to stick to reputable hire car companies.

"We advise holidaymakers to hire only from reputable companies. You may have to pay more, but it is worth it," said Roger Vincent of RoSPA Tourists should also avoid

driving in bad weather, at night, and just after arriving hot and tired off the plane."

Local conditions may also make driving difficult. Mr Vincent said: "Drainage on Spanish roads is poor and we advise any tourists caught in downpours to pull off the road rather than carry on in ad-

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Media magnate appointed minister

THE SCOTTISH political establishment was taken by surprise yesterday by the tment of media tycoon Gus Macdonald as a business and industry minister.

In a further unexpected move. it was revealed that the Queen had given her approval to confer a life peerage on Mr Macdonald, a former Glasgow shipyard engineer.

Opposition parties mounted a noisy tirade, with the Scottish National Party (SNP) saying that the ministerial appointment showed "total chaos and panic" in the Scottish Office, while the Liberal Democrats saw it as "slap in the face" for the supposed talent among Labour backbenchers.

Raymond Robertson. Leader of the Scottish Conservatives, claimed Mr Macdonald was being brought in to let Helen Liddell get on with the job of "full-time Labour propagandist on full ministerial pay".

Mrs Liddell was made a deputy to Secretary of State Donald Dewar in last week's reshuffle but with a lighter ministerial load than her predecessor Brian Wilson, Instead. Tony Blair charged her with heading the campaign to turn the nationalist tide and revive Labour's popularity north of the

Mr Macdonald, 57, is one of the most successful figures in contemporary Scotland. After turning to journalism, he rose from circulation manager at the left-wing Tribune magazine to head the Scottish Media Group (SMG) which owns television

BY STEPHEN GOODWIN

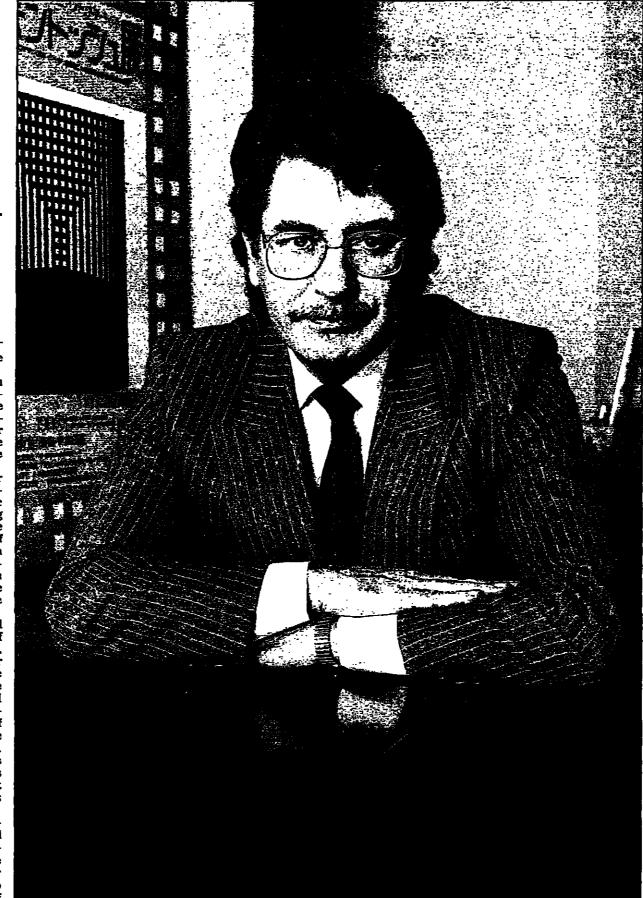
and Glasgow newspapers The Herold and Evening Times. Both newspapers have been pro-devolution but against independence - broadly the same as Labour policy. Mr Macdonald has been involved in Labour Party politics on and off since the 1960s and served on the

Scottish party executive. The Scottish Office said Mr Macdonald would be relinquishing his private and public appointments before starting the new job. These include the chairmanship of SMG and of the Cairngorm Partnership, a quango looking at developments in the fragile mountain range, and membership of the boards of Scottish Enterprise and the Bank of Scotland.

Stung by the political capital made out of the interests of other businessmen-ministers. Mr Dewar emphasised that Mr Macdonald would also dispose of his shareholdings or place them in a blind trust. He will have the fairly lowly rank of Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State and be made a peer in the autumn. The post will be unpaid.

Though eyebrows are always raised when Prime Ministers appoint people to government from beyond Westminster, it is

Mr Macdonald looked forward to helping to turn Scotland into a "knowledge-based economy". "In my working life I have been through many career changes - from shipbuilding to newspapers to the world of



Gus Macdonald, Labour's new Under-Secretary of State for business and industry at the Scottish Office

No mean feat for a Clydeside shipfitter

THE NEW Scottish Office By SAMANTHA POLING er, media mogul Gus Macd-hald began his working rations were obvious. Very in at 14 as an apprentice The fitter in the dying the shipyards. His works Forguson, manager of Manchester United, Jimmy Reid, tormer union leader, and the

comedian Billy Connolly. Even then his political aspi-

much left-wing, he used to sell the socialist newspaper Tribune, albeit not very successincluded Alex fully, around the Glasgow

After leaving the Clyde and with hopes of becoming a journalist, it was to Tribune, then edited by Labour politician

Michael Foot, that he turned by 20 per cent. His top region- move into management as di- to history". His greatest

But there were no newsroom vacancies. Foot said he nock and his girlfriend Glenys. had journalists coming out of his ears and what he really needed was a circulation man-ship current affairs proager. Using a Lambretta scooter and ensuring personal delivery to all the print union branches in Fleet Street, Macdonald increased circulation

debut was with Granada's flaggramme. World in Action, working two years as a reporter.

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Macdonald's television

The turning point came in 1985 when he was 45. His bosses at Granada suggested he

sales force consisted of two rector of programmes.

Unimpressed, Macdonald chose to return home and became director of programmes at Scottish Television with an understanding he would have a good chance of becoming managing director. At his first press conference in Glasgow, he told reporters he planned to "confine tartan and hay bales

opposed the ITV licence for central Scotland with a bid of just

£2,000 a year. It was no miracle. Macdonald spent £2 million optioning every independent producer of consequence in Scotland, so noone from south of the border could get a toe-hold in the fran-

Greenpeace asked to help No 10

RY FRAN ARRAMS **Political Correspondent**

GREENPEACE representatives will enter the Downing Street Policy Unit for the first time ever today to press the case for renewable energy such as solar and wind power

The move comes amid speculation that ministers may provide incentives for firms to move into the alternative energy forms in a review due out later this year. The environmental pressure

group has never before received such an invitation. Today's meeting also co-incides with another at the Department of Trade and Industry. The organisation has also received an encouraging letter from John Battle, the energy minister. about its campaign for greater use of renewable energy.

Greenpeace wants the government to set a targets of 30 or 40 per cent of energy from renewable sources by 2010, but fears the goal may be around 10 per cent. Its campaigns director, Sarah Burton, will meet Liz Lloyd, who is responsible for the environment at the Downing Street Policy Unit, and will later see Colin Hicks, director of environment at the Department of Trade and Industry.

In his letter to Greenpeace, dated last Tuesday - the day iunior ministers were reconfirmed in their jobs after the reshuffle - Mr Battle said a



move away from fossil fuels must not damage the economy. But he added: "As you know, the government is committed to a new and strong drive to develop renewable energy sources and agrees that we need to move away from dependence on fossil fuels."

Ms Burton said: "This is a part of our climate agenda that they can see has the potential to create a sustainable industrial and energy base for

Greenpeace has also received a letter from John Browne, chief executive of BP. who said that although he was interested in solar energy, he believes more oil and coal would be needed in future.

He wrote: "We are investing substantial amounts in the solar business and watching with great interest the government's review.".

'The third way has lost its way'

GOVERNMENT FAILURE to BY FRAN ABRAMS stem the rising welfare bill is Political Correspondent proof of the collapse of Tony Blair's "third way," the shadow chancellor, Francis Maude, said

He suggested in a speech to the Social Market Foundation that ministers were shunning the Tories' tax reduction "first way" and reverting to Labour's traditional "second way" - "tax and spend".

"The idea that there is some always said it was," he said.

Mr Maude said the resignation of Frank Field, the welfare reform minister, proved Labour was finding difficulty with taking tough spending decisions.

particularly on social security. Even with a strong economy, public finances moving into surplus and a new government

with a large majority. Labour was unable to seize the opportunity to make "historic changes", he complained.

"The about-turn that led to Frank Field's departure suggests that welfare might turn out to be Labour's Cuba - one quick skirmish at the Bay of Pigs and it was all over. Welfare reform is not just a radicalmystically significant third way, sounding slogan: it is a serious a "have your cake and eat it" op- policy commitment requiring resolve and determin

> "People will begin to see the gap between the rhetoric and the reality; between the headline and the fine print," he said. It was not possible to be

"right wing and on the left," he said. "The truth is that the third way is a principle-free zone. A vacuum.

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Livingstone unveils his plan for running London

KEN LIVINGSTONE unveiled BY PAUL WAUGH his personal manifesto for the job of Mayor of London vesterday with a call for greater taxmore conductors on buses and free entry to Kew Gardens and Lon-

don Zoo. Twelve years since he last dominated London's politics, the former GLC leader outlined a vision that proved he had lost none of his populism or talent for upsetting the government of the day. A Livingstone mayoralty would levy a new Heathrow airport tax, pedestrianise key parts of the city and mastermind a task force to slash unemployment.

There would be no "holy war" against the car nor immediate Tube fare cuts, but improvements in public transport would be funded by congestion charges and taxes on parking spaces. Female Tube travellers would be made to feel safe

Tax on passengers travelling

through Heathrow Airport to

fund improvements to South

Two-term limit for the mayor,

with a personal pledge that

if he won the mayoral race

he would not stay in office

for more than one four-year

Bank arts centre and free

entry to London Zoo and

Kew Gardens

Political Correspondent

again, with guards back on trains. Routemaster buses would be protected and the South Bank Centre would come under the mayor's control.

Clearly unimpressed by the aquarium now housed in his former office of County Hall, the newt-loving MP appealed to London's wildlife lobby with a proposal for a world-class aquarium run by London Zoo in Newham. 'It is clearly ridiculous that the nation whose history has been most dependent on its maritime achievement has not got a world-class aquarium on the scale of Lisbon or

Osaka." Labour sources attacked Mr Livingstone's blueprint as a "disastrous" return to the taxand-spend days of the GLC, but he said it was entirely in tune with the Government's devo- does cost more money."

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from the City of London

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Congestion charging and

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KEN'S BLUEPRINT FOR THE CAPITAL



Livingstone: A flair for upsetting governments

lution plans. "I do believe this will be the first step towards regional government for Britain If we can get it right, it will spread right through the United Kingdom in Tony Blair's second term. "This is a radical programme. All of it is achievable but I'm not going to lie. It

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Authority has won the

In his detailed response to the Government's own White Paper on the Greater London Authority and a directly elected mayor for 2000, the MP said it was unacceptable that London paid every year £6bn more into Treasury coffers than it got back in public spending. "That was fine when London

was regarded as the most prosperous part of the UK but today it has some of the most deprived areas in Britain." However, Siobhain McDonagh, Labour MP for Mitcham and Morden, said few Londoners wanted to go back to the days when Mr Livingstone ruled County Hall

"This manifesto has all his characteristic panache, but London is an expensive enough city as it is and we don't need this spectre of more and greater taxes. The mayor of London is not the Chancellor of the Exchequer."

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Netting the cash FISHERMEN HIT by a ban on the use of drift-nets will receive government grants to help them decommission minister Elliot Morley announced yesterday. The ban, a UK initiative during its EU presidency, will take effect in 2000 and is aimed at

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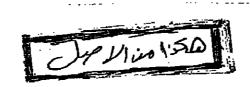
protecting dolphins. Fishermen who used "fixed gear" - where a net is left in one place and collected later for hake, dogfish and shellfish - will also be able to claim the cash.

Flight lunch

TONY BLAIR is not the first Prime Minister to use an RAF flight to go on holiday, Downing Street said last night. Margaret Thatcher and John Major did, too. The fares of the Prime Minister's wife and children were not paid for by the state, and he had a working lunch with the Italian Prime Minister. Romano Prodi.

Register concern

COMPANIES COULD be banned from buying copies of the electoral register because ministers think it puts some voters off registering, while others fear criminals misusing the rolls. Home Office minister George Howarth said last night.



Britain leads fight against sex tourism

BRITAIN IS to bring together BY IAN BURRELL governments from 25 countries Home Affairs Correspondent to secure international cooperation in the fight against child abuse and child prostitution.

Government officials and police officers from countries in Western Europe and South East Asia, will meet with representatives of voluntary organisations in London in October.

The conference, organised by the Foreign Office, follows a report in The Independent last month, showing that a law introduced to allow British courts to try paedophiles who abused children overseas had not led to a single prosecution.

Derek Fatchett said new measures were now planned. "Just as with trying to prevent football hooligans from travelling abroad, there are civil liberties difficulties but we will see if we can toughen things up," he said.

"One of the main ways of toughening up will be sharing intelligence between the police forces. We want to ensure that as soon as these people get off the plane, the local police know who they are and can watch where they go."

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As the conference was announced yesterday, campaigners against paedophiles called for dialogue to be matched by ac. . we can do is to bring the two tions enabling police to monitor sex attackers overseas.

nator of End Child Prostitu-Pornography and Trafficking, said: "This conference makes it look like we are get our police forces working tosqueaky clean but there are still tremendous gaps in the paedophile register."

She said offences committed rope are moving around." overseas must be recorded on the register and that registered paedophiles must be required to notify police of foreign travel.

Ms Beddoe said sex tourism did not merely exist in south east crimes against children. Asia. Three British paedophiles, with records of sex crimes in the pressure from governments like

UK, were able to move to Ireland and continue their activities without the Irish police being aware of their presence.

Britain's most notorious travelling paedophile, Warwick Spinks, 33, was recently found to to deserted islands where he be running an accommodation

agency in Slovenia. He was released from prison last July after 30 months of a seven-year sentence for abducting a 14-year-old boy and selling him to a Dutch brothel.

Spinks refused to sign the paedophile register. He has Foreign Office minister since moved between a series of addresses in Europe.

Kate Lowes, of Stop Pae dophiles Exploiting and Abusing Kids, said photographs must be attached to the paedophile register because child abusers often change their names. "It is with other police forces but a the moment our register is a lion without teeth," she said.

But Mr Fatchett said October's conference would be a "real initiative to help governments and police forces tackle sex tourism by Western men in south east Asia".

He said: "One of the things parts of the equation together-Western Europe and the coun-Christine Beddoe, co-ordi- tries in Asia - and bring their police forces together.

"Practical things we can do are to share intelligence and to gether so that people in south east Asia know what is going on when people from western Eu-

Officers from the Metropolitan and Durham police forces have been seconded to the Philippines Thailand and Sri Lanka to advise local police on investigating sex

. Partly due to the political



ern sex tourists.

In May, British paedophile

James Darling, 47, was sen-

tenced to 33 years after renting

a house in Thailand and taking

eight to 15-year-old gypsy boys

But the Sex Offenders Act

1997, which allowed British sex

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Review, page 3 Li Lixie, a musician with the Imperial Bell Ensemble of China, preparing for a concert last night at the Royal Albert Hall Rui Xavier

Racism in the police 'endemic'

THE COMMISSION for Racial Equality yesterday called on the Stephen Lawrence inquiry to recommend wide-ranging and urgent reforms to stamp out a pervasive culture of racism

within the police service. Sir Herman Ouseley, chairman of the CRE, said that without a comprehensive approach to tackle institutional racism within the police and other large organisations, changes would be "only marginal, with limited and superficial impact".

Sir Herman's views are expressed in a letter accompanying the CRE's submission to the second part of the public inquiry, which is examining the lessons to be learnt from events surrounding Stephen's racially motivated murder in

They echo those of Robin Oakley, one of the Metropolitan Police's most eminent advisers on race. As reported in yesterday's Independent, Dr Oakley has told the inquiry in his submission that there is a culture of institutional racism within the police service, and that it may have affected the actions. of every officer who investigated Stephen's murder.

In a letter to Sir William. Macpherson of Cluny, chairman of the inquiry, Sir Herman urges him to interpret his remit as widely as possible. Recommendations to improve the investigation and prosecution of racial crime should be made within the context of "a policy of overall non-tolerance of racism in any form", he says.

By Kathy Marks

As far as the police are concerned, he says, the traditional response to allegations of racism has been to blame a few "bad apples", suggesting that "only a little tinkering ... is needed, instead of disinfecting the whole barrel". The inquiry should recommend that the culture of the Metropolitan Police be "irrevocably changed", he says, in order to "eradicate once and for all the dreadful effects of pervasive institutional racism".

In the submission, the CRE says there is a "vast gulf between policy and practice" on race within the Met. "The evidence that has emerged from Part 1 of the inquiry suggests that there continues to be an unacceptable institutional racist culture which manifests itself as racial insensitivity and negative racial stereotyping."

In the covering letter, Sir Herman says that Lord Scarman's report on the Brixton riots in 1981 did not lead to significant change. "Police internal power structures and everyday 'canteen' cultures remain white, male, machodominant and hostile to radical

overhaul." He calls on Sir William to recommend a co-ordinated national action plan to stamp out racial harassment and violence. The inquiry "offers a unique chance to make a difference, not only with the Metropolitan Police and all its failings, but for all our institutions," he says.

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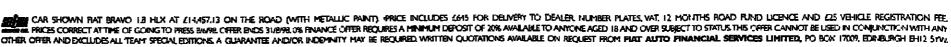
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Spin doctors report 'watered down'

OPPOSITION MPs who claim a By Fran Abrams report on government spin- Political Correspondent doctors was watered down by Labour members will publish their own version alongside the official one, it emerged last

The report from the House of Commons Public Administration Committee was rewritten by its six Labour members, to the consternation of its three

cism of the politicisation of the Government Information Service (GIS) and of the heavy use of Labour insiders as press aides is believed to have been

toned down in the final report. The Government has been attacked for treating existing press officers as political tools and for driving several out of their posts. Several heads of in-

formation who have left their jobs since the general election have written to the committee during its investigation and are believed to have been critical of the way they were treat-

ed by the new Government. One MP on the committee said its report had originally concentrated too heavily on the role of Alastair Campbell, the Prime Minister's official spokesman. Problems of low morale among press officers,

which were equally important, got now is 'no problems at all, ernment Information Service had been so far back in the re- everything in the garden is port that they would barely have been noticed.

The row has led the four opposition MPs to take the unusual step of publishing a perceived problem," he said. minority report. Both versions will be published on Thursday.

Yesterday the Liberal Democrat on the committee, Mike Hancock (Portsmouth S) said criticisms had disappeared from the report. "What we have

lovely and there are no problems in the GIS', despite the fact that people keep leaving it and despite the fact that there is a

Earlier, in a radio interview. he said the committee had not been convinced that the GIS was either transparent or unbiased. "I think the facts of the case were the complete opposite. What we had was the Gov-

being used by spin doctors as an information service for the Labour Party," he said.

The committee chairman. Rhodri Morgan, said: "I regret all the speculation that there has been. People should be very surprised when they actually read the report itself compared to some of the more lurid accounts that have come

out so far," he said. The inquiry has often been

the role of Mr Campbell, though it was intended to be much wider. The committee did hear evidence from Mr Campbell, as well as hearing criticism of his role from Sir Bernard Ingham, Margaret Thatcher's former press secretary. Mr Campbell denied briefing reporters against ministers or leaking an-

nouncements in advance. ■ Frank Field, who resigned last week as Social Security

portrayed as concentrating on minister, hit back yesterday after a weekend of briefings which dubbed him a "joke" and his welfare ideas "paltry and unpublishable". The MP for Birkenhead said the press officers had to be reined in before they did serious damage to the party, and he added: "In the long run you cannot run a government like this. It is a cancer eating away at the heart of our very existence and undermines the way ministers behave."

Noble on dole after stately home venture fails

BY GARY FINN

HIS FAMILY won lands from King Edgar for eradicating wolves from Staffordshire. But for Sir Charles Wolseley the economic wolves are now firmly at his door - he is signing on the dole.

The 11th baronet, whose fortune and 1,300-acre estate evaporated into bankruptcy two years ago, is now a regular at the Jobcentre where he is tasting life at the sharp end.

The 54-year-old aristocrat is spared the ordeal of signing on thanks to the 12 miles distance from his stately pile to the Jobcentre but postal coupons declaring his availability every fortnight ensure his £140 Giro cheque.

Signing on for benefits marks a huge change in the personal fortunes of Sir Charles, whose estate is just a few hundred yards from Shugborough Hall, home of the Queen's cousin, the Earl of Lichfield. The estate lands date back to Saxon times and it are King Edgar to the Wolseleys in



Sir Charles and his wife Lady Jeannie survey their ruined garden at Garden Park, Staffordshire

975 for destroying wolves in his family home to visitors in tors hoped for and took only He put the estate on the mar- seekers allowance and one gets circumstances." Staffordshire.

The family's motto remains "Homo homini lupus" – Man is as a wolf to his fellow man.

times after deciding to open up

the late 1980s at a cost of

Wolseley Garden Park. which covers 45 acres, eventuto bring in the number of visi-

£30,000 in gate receipts in its

Sir Charles blamed the recession as debts reached £4.6m ally opened in 1990 but it failed and at one point more than 100 creditors were owed money.

ket in December 1995 before by the best one can. I am trybeing made bankrupt in May 1996 and then the bank stepped in to sell the property to pay the debts. Woodland totalling 350 acres has already been sold and a garden centre on the estate has been forced to accept free has been leased.

Lady Jeannie.

The property is up for sale

ing to get a job. "I am a qualified chartered surveyor, but I am over-qualified and when you are 54, age is against you."

Sir Charles, who in the past potatoes from a tenant, has Sir Charles now risks losing been claiming benefit for sevon the estate and which he offered an interview despite making several applications said.

for jobs as a surveyor. The baronet said: "I have no and is mortgaged to the idea what we will do if it is sold. We can't really make plans because we just don't know

Sir Charles said he was saddened that the Garden Park had been left to grow wild. It was once the centrepiece of his attraction but is no longer in his control since he was made bankruot.

"Trees that are broken have fallen and have been left unrehis home, Park House, which is eral months but has yet to be paired. It's just a scene of devastation and dereliction," he

"It's also been vandalised. For instance, there was an obelisk in the garden which has there were benches which have when that will be and in what been thrown into the lake."

LOST **FORTUNES**

Marquess of Bristol: iailed for 10 months in 1993 for possession of heroin and cocaine - lost a reputed £20m and was forced to sell lckworth, the family's Suffolk stately home since the 15th century, to the Nation Trust to pay off debts.

£500,000 inheritance 10th Earl

Sophie Buchan-Watt:

of Selkirk cut her out of the will for getting

a job as a topless dancer

Sir Julius Wernher, the "Randlord" baronet: built a £100m fortune which included the Luton Hoo estate in Bedfordshire. His great-grandson Nicky Phillips, the Duke of Edinburgh's godson, killed himself seven years ago after the estate's value crumbled to £6m.

Lord Brocket: jailed five years ago for his part in a £4.5m insurance fraud, involving the fake theft of

his classic car collection, which was organised to stave off mounting debts that threatened

the family home, Brocket Hall.

Honor Fraser: the sister of the 18th Lord Lovat who inherited a £7m debt following the tragic events which killed her father, grandfather and uncle in a vear. She went into modelling and is now the face of Couture Givenchy.

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New mini-microchips go into mass production

A NEW generation of even smaller, even faster microchips will soon be incorporated into consumer items, after years of development by the computer giant IBM.

The result could be smaller mobile phones and hand held computers able to perform more functions for longer on existing battery technologies.

But a British expert who has watched the development of the new technology over the past 30 years warned yesterday that chip companies will be reluctant to give up their multibillion pound investments worldwide in chip plants to make old silicon wafers. "It's like fusion power," said Peter Hemment, professor of semiconductor technology at Surrey University. "For decades that has been 30 years in the future, and it still is. This technology

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has been proven since the 1970s, and people have known they would have to switch to it. But they haven't so far"

That position may be about to change radically, though. IBM. which is one of the world's largest chiomakers in its own right, said yesterday that it will start producing high volumes of processor chips using the new technology, called "silicon on insulator" (SOD, from early next The key to the breakthrough

is a still-secret means of massproducing SOI chips, which had previously only been made in limited volumes.

Among the first to benefit should be Apple Computer, for which IBM produces the PowerPC processor. That will be chips are also used in satellites,

among the chips using SOI technology, which produces chips one-third smaller than the silicon wafer and which can speed a chip up by at least 25 per cent without any other de-

sign changes. SOI differs from existing chip designs by putting the millions of transistors that make up a processor onto an insulating surface, instead of a semiconductive layer. Current thus flows more freely, reducing heating effects, and there is less interference between the transistors, which are separated by only a few thousandths

of a millimetre. The SOI chips can also be made radiationproof - which led to their early adoption during the Cold War by the military, worried about the effects of a nuclear strike. One-off SOI

which are exposed to harsh solar radiation.

Though it is easier to make circuits with the existing silicon. fabrication method, the finished chip then requires higher currents to work properly and has a lower limit on size before bizarre quantum effects take over SOI avoids those problems because of the insulating layer below the currentcarrying silicon.

However, global uncertainty in the chip market is affecting manufacturers and could put them off investing billions to set up SOI fabrication lines.

Siemens closed down its semi-conductor plant on Tyneside last week and Japanese chipmaker NEC said yesterday it is cutting capital investment in new semiconductor facilities by 16 per cent, citing the slump in the global market for chips.

Diana bodyguard speaks out

TREVOR REES-JONES, the BY PETER ARCHER bodyguard who survived the Paris car crash which killed Diana, Princess of Wales, yesterday spoke of his sadness and sympathy for the families of those who died.

"I have at the front of my mind the fact that three people were killed in the accident last August," he said.

On this, the first occasion I have spoken publicly, I wish to extend my sympathy to the families and friends of those

"I will continue to co-operate fully with the investigation by Judge [Herve] Stephan. But I wish to make clear that I have already told Judge Stephan all that I remember concerning the accident."

Mr Rees-Jones appealed for privacy as the first anniversary of the August 31 crash approaches.

"I ask you to appreciate that the next month will be a difficult time for the relatives of

will also be a difficult time for me and my family.

"I ask you all to respect our privacy at this time and allow us all to deal with the anniversary in our own way."

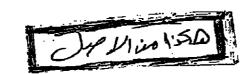
Mr Rees-Jones, who spoke to PA News and APTV, added: "Finally, I wish to make clear that I have received no payment for recording this statement and, apart from my salary, have received no payment since the

date of the accident." Mr Rees-Jones, a former

those killed in the accident. It paratrooper and only survivor of the crash, suffered horrific in . juries, and endured a series of painful operations to rebuild his face in the 11 months since he was pulled from the Mercedes wreck that killed Diana. boyfriend Dodi Fayed and dri-

ver Henri Paul Now the 29-year-old, from Oswestry, Shropshire, is trying

He has given up his job with Harrods chief Mohamed al Fayed and works as a part-time sales assistant in a sports shop.



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Lewinsky affair: White House agonises over how to avoid impeachment, but even Clinton's enemies may oppose it

Clinton will · resist advice to 'tell all'

AS CALLS multiplied for President Bill Clinton to "tell all". the White House tried to dampen expectations that he was preparing to change his story in any way. Unconfirmed reports said, however, that he might give a television broadcast sometime before he gave evidence in the Monica Lewinsky investigation on 17 August.

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The message that Mr Clinton was standing by his previous policy of non-disclosure was reinforced by the midmorning announcement that the White House was taking to the Supreme Court a secondary case it lost at appeal last week. The appeal court had ruled that Bruce Lindsey, deputy White House counsel and a close associate of the President, must tell the investigation what he knows about the relationship between Mr Clinton and Ms Lewinsky.

Lawyers had argued on Mr Lindsey's behalf that any conversations he had had with the By MARY DEJEVSKY in Washington

President on the subject were covered by lawyer-client privilege and need not be divulged. The court ruled, however, that as a White House lawyer paid by the taxpayer, Mr Lindsey's conversations with Mr Clinton were not privileged. That status was reserved for exchanges between Mr Clinton and his personal lawyer - in

this case, David Kendall. The White House has recently lost a series of appeals against orders for White House staff to testify in the Lewinsky case. Its most recent loss was a summary judgment from the Supreme Court that Secret Service agents attached to the White House, including Mr Clinton's chief bodyguard, must testify.

The White House had argued that the safety of this and future presidents could be jeopardised if presidents were led to treat their guards as

Many legal experts forecast that the Supreme Court would also find against the White House in this case, though it was noted that the appeal court judges in the Bruce Lindsey case were not unanimous. Observers were divided about whether the further appeal was merely a delaying tactic, a last-ditch attempt to keep certain information from the investigation, or a genuine attempt to clarify the obligations of a White House

As this secondary judicial process rumbled on, speculation mounted about exactly when Ms Lewinsky would appear before the grand jury. She reached agreement with the prosecutor's office last week and now enjoys full immunity from prosecution, even if - as expected - she retracts her sworn denial of an affair with the President.

The White House, meanwhile, was concerned to quash the idea that weekend calls for Mr Clinton to "tell all" were



Steven Spielberg, centre, his wife, Kate Capshaw, left, and Hillary Clinton at the Spielbergs' house in the Hamptons, New York

public reaction. If there was to show almost two-thirds of any such intention, the White

kite-flying by the White House, aback by the result. Main-tionship with Ms Lewinsky, very different result. A tele- An overwhelming 80 per cent designed to gauge the likely stream opinion polls continued but do not care about it.

vision and Internet poll for the A similar question posed to cable station, MSNBC, asked

said: throw him those asked saying they believe a self-selected audience in what should happen if Mr cent who said forgive and House might have been taken Mr Clinton had a sexual rela- different terms brought a Clinton committed perjury. forget.

Republicans to the rescue

WHEN ORRIN Hatch, the Republican chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. appealed to President Bill Clinton to "pour out his heart" to the American people and held out the prospect of mercy, he was not going out on a limb. He made a point of saying that his counterpart in the House of Representatives, Henry Hyde. would probably agree with him. So would a large number, perhaps even a majority, of Re-

publicans both in Congress and in the country at large. For anyone schooled in British politics, such an Opposition overture to get an embattled leader off the hook seems almost inconceivable, still less when it comes from the chairman of a committee that would constitutionally be his judge in an impeachment. If the leader of the ruling party has painted himself into a corner, now is surely the time to go in

In the United States, however, there are reasons of principle and practical politics why that argument does not apply.

for the kill, not extend a help-

While the President is nominated and campaigns on a party ticket, he becomes on election both chief executive, trying to get legislation of his choosing through Congress, but also head of state, dutybound to represent not just his party, but the country. Getting rid of a president thus becomes a national rather than a party political issue.

Even in an age notorious for popular cynicism towards polities and all its works, Americans retain a respect - even awe - for the institution of the presidency. Impeaching a president is not something to be undertaken lightly, nor is it

By MARY DEJEVSKY

something that automatically generates popular approval. Democrats as well as Republicans felt the loss after Richard Nixon resigned under threat of ton were to leave office for impeachment.

might lose two presidents by impeachment, or the threat of it, is widely seen as a national disgrace. What claim can the US have to world leadership, even to hold its head up internationally, if its leaders are judicially and/or morally discredited, is a view heard re-

There is also a pervasive sadness about Mr Clinton's predicament that makes even die-hard Republicans want the allegations not to be true; especially, they want him not to have lied. Bill Clinton is genuinely liked and respected for his engaging manner, his po-litical skills, even his principles. There is regret that someone so prodigiously talented should have got himself in such a

But the Republicans, it must be said, also have selfish prac-



Al Gore a head start

tical reasons for wanting Mr Clinton to complete his term, and not only because they have reached a modus vivendi with him in Congress that is to their benefit as well as his. If Mr Clinwhat are in effect moral rea-The possibility that the US sons, the Republican Party could be deeply and openly split between those who wanted to go easy on the President, and those of the religious fundamentalist tendency that want a stronger moral line.

The Moral Majority would be back with a vengeance and the ensuing divisions would persist through this autumn's midterm elections probably until the next presidential campaign.

That campaign is the other reason why Republicans are keen to keep Mr Clinton in of-fice. Should he resign, Vice-President Al Gore would automatically become president for the remainder of Mr Clinton's term.

There would not be an immediate election. That would give Mr Gore a head start for the next presidential campaign in the year 2000.

Republicans would prefer to see Democrats fielding an Al Gore who campaigns poorly and carries the liability of a tarnished predecessor. They would then be able to unite against a Clinton legacy of eaze' and low morals.

As incumbent, Al Gore would be that much more difficult to beat. He might have learnt how to campaign effectively and he might have built up a political record of his own.

How far Republicans are motivated by considerations of high principle as opposed to low pragmatism is open to question. But the combination offers Mr Clinton allies he sorely needs.

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Baby switching discovered __ three years too late

THE MYSTERY of two baby girls switched at birth in 1995 took a new a twist yesterday with the discovery that the couple raising one of the girls were killed in a car crash before they could learn that she wasn't their biological daugh-

Kevin Chittum and Tamara Whitney Rogers died July 4 one day after the woman raising the other girl found out about the mistake. Virgina police have launched an investigation into how the two three year olds, both blonde and blue

eved were switched. Chittum, 25, and Rogers. his 19-year-old fiancee, also had a 1-year-old daughter.

Virginia Medical Center, where the girls were born, contacted the Chittum and Rogers families, did DNA tests on the child they were raising as Rebecca and found she wasn't related to

Since the crash, which also killed five others, relatives of Chittum and Rogers have been caring for Rebecca in the small mountain town of Buena Vista.

The first chapter in the story of the switch was Paula Johnson's discovery in early July. from DNA tests done during a child support dispute, that she wasn't related to the girl she was raising as Callie Marie. On Sunday, relatives of Chit-

Last week, the University of turn and Rogers were shown photos of Callie Marie, who lives in nearby Ruckersville with Ms. Johnson, USA Monday reported Monday. "My God! It's Kevin's child!," Mary Watts, Chittum's aunt,

told the newspaper. "She's the spitting image of our family." "And if this lady could see Rebecca ... She looks just like her," said Linda Camden, Chittum's cousin.

Ms. Watts said Monday that she thinks the little girls should be swapped.

"It would be hard, but I'm sure," she said in a telephone interview from Buena Vista. "I hope everyone gets their own

Kohl turns his fire on the Greens

IN THE "German autumn" of BY IMRE KARACS 1973, a young revolutionary named Josepha Fischer lent working for Carlos The Jackal. The car, as he was to learn much later, was used to transport weapons stolen from American barracks in Frankfurt, including

Mr Fischer gave statements cence in public as he embarked thought he had cleared his Kohl's Christian Democrats

of a senior politician in 1981.

his Volkswagen to a terrorist name by the time he was appointed Environment Minister of the Land of Hesse in 1985. The story ended there.

Until today. For Mr Fischer, the former firebrand, is now a the gun that snuffed out the life foreign minister in waiting, and his murky past therefore the stuff with which elections are to the police, pleaded his inno-fought. In their desperate struggle to hold on to the reins on a parliamentary career, and of power, Chancellor Helmut

The Greens, the party led by the unwitting gun-runner, are ber's general elections. His ed on the left as a capitalist

central to opposition plans to unseat Mr Kohl. In the latest opinion polls, the Social Democrats are between four and six points ahead of the Chancellor's Christian block.

The lead represents a swing over the result four years ago, but it will not be enough. It is almost inconceivable that Gerhard Schröder, the self-declared Blairite champion of the SPD,

have Mr Fischer in their sights. might be able to form a gov- that the coupon-clipping chanernment alone after Septem-Mr Fischer's mob. The Greens are expected to net about seven per cent of the votes.

The Chancellor's men have conducted a red scare camign against Mr Schröder, and of between eight and 10 per cent tried to appeal to Germans' fear of "criminal foreigners", but all to no avail. The gap has nar-rowed, but only slightly. Mud is simply not sticking to

cellor candidate, widely deridmost likely coalition partners are lackey, is in league with crypto-communists is preposterous. And a tough law and order campaign unveiled by Mr Schröder's team last week took is described as a "street-fightthe sting out of charges that the new government would be soft

> on crime, whatever its colour. The government campaign has therefore been switched abruptly to the Greens, arguably the weak link in the putative Red-Green coalition. And

since Mr Fischer is generally seen as the sole guarantor of sanity in a party strangely drawn to loony times, he has been drawing most of the fire.

In Christian Democrat election adverts, the Green leader er" who in 1976 had called for the use of Molotov cocktails against the state. More importantly, the Christian Democrats' leader in the Hesse parliament, Franz-Josef Jung, urged Mr Fischer last week to "shed light" on his role in the 1981 murder of the

Heinz Herbert Karry.

Not that there is much to add to revelations that first appeared in 1985 and were reheated in the pro-Kohl press at the weekend. Yesterday's Focus magazine, the only important weekly not to have defected to the Schröder camp, gives chapter and verse.

Focus cites official documents to show that Mr Fischer had given his car to a friend named Hans-Joachim Klein in October 1973. Klein is believed

Hesse Economics Minister, to have participated in the kidnapping of OPEC ministers in Vienna in 1975.

There is no suggestion that Mr Fischer knew of the guns in his boot. In the press not sympathetic to Mr Kohl, the Green leader is quoted as saying that Klein, a car mechanic, had been given the Volkswagen to fix the engine, and had inexplicably kept the vehicle beyond the appointed date.

End of story? - Hardly. There are still eight weeks to go till election day.

Vigil for forgotten victims of Nazis

THE CHAPTER of the Second By ADAM LEBOR World War known as the forgotten Holocaust was commemorated at a memorial vigil in Budapest for the hundreds of thousands of Roma and Sinti people – as Gypsies are known exterminated by the Nazis.

The vigil, organised by the Rights, took place in front of the gotten Holocaust". Hungarian Parliament.

It commemorated the night of 2 to 3 August 1942, when the Nazis killed 4,500 Gypsies at Auschwitz-Birkenau camp, to make space for the arrival of the latest consignment of Jews. The night is known as the "Poraymous", or devouring in the Gypsy language.

"In the name of the Hungarian government, I bow before the memory of the Romavictims of the Holocaust," said Csaba Hende, an official at the Justice Ministry.

Speakers read out the names of Gypsy Holocaust victims, while singer Erika Mate sang a lament: "Dear God, let the day come when all the slaves are freed. Punish the Germans, oh God, for they have killed the people."

in Budapest

Jews, the mass killings organised by the Nazis of Gypsies, as well as the handicapped, homosexuals and Communist. often remain unknown, and unacknowledged. For many, Foundation for Romany Civil the killing of Gypsies, is the "for-

> Holocaust historians are unclear how many Gypsies were killed by the Nazis, although most believe the figure is somewhere between 200,000 and 600,000. Between 50,000 and 60,000 Hungarian Gypsies were deported by the Nazis during the last two years of the war.

Whatever the true figure, the Nazis soon targeted Gypsies and rapidly amended the Nuremberg Racial laws that governed the life of Jews to include Gypsies.

In May 1936, Berlin police used the Olympic games as a pretext for rounding up hundreds of Gypsies and incarcerated them behind barbed wire on waste ground in the suburb As the Holocaust began to

devour eastern Europe's Jews, Roma activists said that Gypsies were soon caught up in

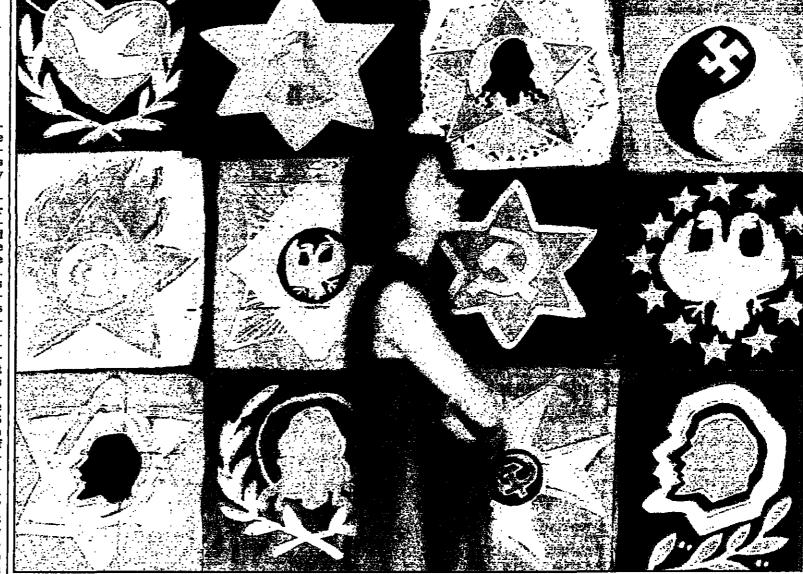
out for bestial medical experiments, as Nazi scientists were intrigued by their racial makeup. Until August 1944 the Nazis ran a special Gypsy family camp at Auschwitz.

At the same time as Budapest Gypsy leaders held their Holocaust memorial vigil, Israeli officials have demanded that Polish authorities remove 50 crosses placed outside

Auschwitz by Catholic activists. The placing of the crosses is the latest escalation in a longrunning dispute between Jews and Christians over the management of the Auschwitz site.

Jewish leaders have accused Catholic activists of insensitivity for their persistent attempts to erect crosses around the Auschwitz site. About 90 per cent of those killed at Auschwitz - at least 2.5 million people according to camp commandant Rudolf Hoess - were Jews, the remainder mainly Poles, Gypsies and Soviet POWs.

"We want the entire escarpment to teem with crosses," said Catholic activist Kazimierz Switon, who held a 42-day hunger strike to prevent the removal of a 22-foot cross set up while the world knows about the the Nazi death machine. Like to mark the visit by Pope John extermination of six million Jews, Gypsies were singled Paul II.



A visitor walks past the poster 'New Heraldry of Russia' by Marina Koldobskay during an international exhibition in St Petersburg Reuters

Kinshasa curfew as Kabila's former allies turn against him

GUNMEN LOYAL to President By KAMANGA MUTOND shasa's rutted streets yesterday in search of allied-turnedwho are suspected of plotting against the government.

The capital awoke to the sound of gunfire as soldiers clashed inside their base compounds in the west of the city. A dawn-to-dusk curfew was imposed on Kinshasa, while in

eastern Congo, military offienemy Rwandan mercenaries cers appeared to be in open revolt against Mr Kabila.

About 14 months after charging victoriously into the capital, the rebel alliance that carried Mr Kabila to power appears to be unraveling.

"The government asks the people of Congo and those for-

eigners here to stay calm and to The pre-dawn clashes at two ting against the regime. Earli- that an open rebellion against the provincial capital. Eastern presence of Rwandan forces in unui oraer is reyesterday morning on the statecontrolled People's Radio.

Troops loyal to Mr Kabila set up roadblocks in the city and began a massive search for Rwandan Tutsi soldiers. A defence ministry official said loyalist troops had been ordered to kill any Rwandan troops found hiding in or around the city.

stored," said an announcement Mr Kabila's troops against Rwandan mercenaries, who last year helped the President oust the long-time dictator Mobutu Sese Seko. Mr Kabila last week ordered all Rwandan

soldiers to leave the country. The fighting comes amid growing suspicions within Mr Kabila's government that the Rwandan troops had been plot-

Kabari, a Rwandan Tutsi who had been the President's top military commander.

According to a defence ministry official, more than 1,000 Rwandan Tutsi soldiers fled the Kokolo base in Kinshasa and are hiding in a forest just outside of the city.

In the Rwandan capital, Kigali, a news agency reported

North Kivu province in eastern Congo. "We, the army of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, have taken the decision to remove President Laurent-Desire Kabila from power," said a

statement read on Radio Goma. The statement was signed by Sylvain Mbuchi, commander of the 10th battalion of the Congolese army based in Goma,

population has been increasingly restive against Mr Kabila's rule. His foreign minister. Bizima Karaha, a Tutsi, failed to return home on Saturday from a trip to South Africa. His

lation that he may be linked to the uprising in the east. In the capital, Mr Kabila had

absence has triggered specu-

ordering them to leave, he increased security around government buildings The sound of fighting yesHEVE !

terday triggered a government order to clear the streets. Shops in the capital remained closed. and people who had headed downtown for work early in the morning quickly returned been growing anxious over the home.

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IN BRIEF

Voters turn from Japan's PM

THE NEWLY formed Cabinet of the Japanese Prime Minister, Keizo Obuchi, was supported by less than one-third of voters questioned in a weekend poll, a newspaper reported yesterday.

The poll, by the newspaper Asahi, found 32 per cent support for Mr Obuchi's Cabinet, with 47 per cent of those polled saying they do not support the new administration. That figure was the worst disapproval rating for a new Cabinet since the paper began taking polls on the subject in 1955, excluding the brief, scandal-tainted government of Sousuke Uno in 1989.

Zimbabwe's legal 'mistake'

THE ZIMBABWEAN government said that a law gazetted last week limiting political and public gatherings and extending curbs on strike action was published by mistake.

Rights groups had denounced the law as a stealthy introduction of a state of emergency. "None of the instruments was seen or approved by the responsible minister or the President, so ... their publication was invalid and does not represent the policy of the government," the Attorney-General, Patrick Chinamasa. said in a statement. The rules were published amid threats by the Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions (ZCTU) to call a five-day work stoppage to press demands for tax cuts.

Rescuers search on for miners

RESCUERS DECIDED to keep searching for survivors in a caved-in Austrian mine near the Alpine village of Lassing, south-west of Vienna, even though they had failed to find 10 missing men in an air pocket that appeared to be the men's only possible refuge in the landslide that buried them 17 days before.

Taliban pushes for control

THE TALIBAN pushed ahead in its drive to seize control of all Afghanistan, closing in on an opposition stronghold a day after it captured a nearby town. The Taliban met little resistance when it took Shebergan on Sunday, but face a fight in Mazar-e-Sharif, said Zabet Saliy, spokesman for the anti-Taliban leader, Ahmed Shah Mascod. "Our forces are ready to defend Mazar e-Sharif."

Russian composer dies

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ALFRED SCHNITTKE, widely regarded as the last great Russian composer of the 20th century and whose work ranged from orchestral symphonies to film scores, died on Monday in a Hamburg hospital aged 63 after a long illness.

Poll alarms Mexico's rulers

Latin America Correspondent

NEXT year it turns 70. It has provided Mexico's presidents ever since it began. But can the mighty Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), born out of the ashes of the bloody 1910-17 revolution, cling to power into the 21st century?

Early results from three state elections at the weekend provided mixed answers.

The PRI appeared to have easily retained the Gulf coast state of Veracruz, the country's third most populous. That could be a key swing state in the next presidential elections, in the year 2000, with four million votes at stake. Many Mexicans believe the likely new governor, 66-year-old Miguel Aleman Velasco, son of a former president, ran merely to test his popularity and may stand down to run Party (PAN). for president of the nation.

That would probably pit him against another former president's son, Cuauhtemoc Cardenas, of the left-wing Party of the Democratic Revolution (PRD), currently mayor of



Poll positions: checking the rolls in Aguascalientes

In the central state of Aguascalientes, the ruling party looked like crashing out of power for the first time to Fefipe Gonzalez, little-known until he ran for governor for the conservative National Action

The PAN needed the victory to keep up momentum for the presidential race, which many commentators say the PRI could lose for the first time since it was founded. For

and local elections through vote-buying or coercion. But, largely after pressure from the USA, the party was forced to open up to clean, or at least cleaner elections over the last decade.

That allowed the PAN to win six of the country's 31 states. But its momentum was slowed last month when the PRI won back one of those states, Chihuahua, proving to doubters that the long-ruling most of those seven decades, party may be ageing and infirm the PRI won national, state but it may yet have the strength

to hold on to the presidency and with it the national government - in 2000.

The PRI suffered its worst setbacks last year when; in mid-term elections, it lost its majority in the lower house for the first time and also lost the race for mayor of Mexico City the country's second most-influential job - to PRD leader Cardenas.

The PRD ran the PRI close in Sunday's third state race, for governorship of the povertystricken state of Oaxaca, amid allegations of voting fraud. After early results, both parties claimed victory but most exit polls suggested PRI candidate Jose Murat was ahead PRD candidate Hector Sanchez disputed Murat's victory declaration and said the PRD would demand the result be declared void if fraud were proved.

Although it has not yet won a state governorship, the PRD has been chopping away at the PRI in poor southern states, where at least two guerrilla groups operate, while the strongly Catholic PAN has been spreading from its traditional power base in the north.

Thousands flee fighting in Kosovo

SERB FORCES overran an- By ANNE THOMPSON other ethnic Albanian stronghold, Smonica, and pressed their attacks elsewhere in Kosovo yesterday, after a weekend of fighting that displaced

tens of thousands of people.

The UN relief agency esti-

mated 35,000 people fled their

homes during the weekend.

The Red Cross reported finding

in Pristina, Yugoslavia

twice that number in one area

alone. US envoy Christopher Hill

called the offensive, which came a week after Serbian president Slobodan Milosevic promised that fighting against the Kosovo Liberation Army

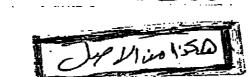
was over, a setback to peace efforts and said: "We are on the verge of a humanitarian catastrophe.

The renewed clashes have disrupted communications and UN workers are unable to reach pockets of refugees cut off by the fighting.

Ethnic Albanian sources reported widespread fighting by Albania.

throughout Kosovo and said six villages had been levelled.

Serb sources said that troops had shelled Smonica for days and continued yesterday to lay siege to another border village, Junik. Independent media in Belgrade said most KLA fighters had slipped out of the village for sanctuaries in near-



Iraq on collision , course with UN

IRAQ MOVED closer to a confrontation with the United Nations yesterday when a senior Iraqi leader accused Richard Butler, head of the UN team looking for Iraqi weapons of mass destruction, of seeking to implement an American policy of continuing sanctions.

Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister, who is in charge of the negotiations with Mr Butler, said the UN team 'is back to its old games, to its old tricks, games of confusing the major issues and the minor issues". He denied that Iraq had any biological, chemical or nuclear weapons or the means to deliver them.

After the first morning session with Mr Butler, the former Australian ambassador to the UN, Mr Aziz held an unprecedented briefing in Baghdad. He said that, despite strict monitoring of Iraq by the UN, Mr Butler's team had no evidence to show that Iraq still possessed nonconventional weapons. An Iraqi complaint is that the UN holds

BY PATRICK COCKBURN in Baghdad

Iraq guilty unless it can prove its

Iraq's sharp tone may mean that relations with the UN will move to a crisis faster than had been expected. Mr Butler produces his six-monthly report on Iraqi compliance with UN resolutions in October when Iraq has implied that it might end the whole inspection process if sanctions were not lifted.

In a statement last week a meeting of the Iraqi leadership, chaired by President Saddam Hussein, said that this week's talks with Mr Butler would be decisive in deciding Iraqi policy. mit to intrusive inspections and monitoring if the United States and Britain were determined to resist "taking any step whatsoever to alleviate and lift the embargo".

Mr Aziz made the same points yesterday, accusing the inspection team led by Mr But- met, taxis arrived outside the



It asked why Iraq should sub- Iraqi women give vent to their anger yesterday at the deaths of 43 children they say died as result of UN sanctions Jossim Mohammed/AP

ler of procrastinating by giving Foreign Ministry each carrying cruel Unicef, the UN children's undue attention to minor issues. a small wooden coffin on its roof fund, says almost a third of Iraqi It is not clear, however, if Iraq intends to stop co-operation with Mr Butler and whether it

will do so immediately. As Mr Aziz and Mr Butler

rack said to contain an Iraqi baby which died as a result of sanctions. The taxis were accompanied by grieving, black clad women.

While the propaganda is rector

fund, says almost a third of Iraqi children suffer from malnutrition and in the Saddam Children's Hospital, the largest paediatric hospital in Baghdad, Dr Dhia al-Obaidi, the di-

paediatrician, said: "Before the war the mortality for children under five was 23 per thousand; now it is 120 per thousand."

If Iraq does throw out Mr Butler and declares it has fulfilled the terms of the cease-fire

what the UN Security Council could do. Use of armed force is unlikely to be effective in winning Iraqi compliance. There would also be international resistance to starving Iraq out.

Leading article, Review, page 3

Kashmir rebels in village massacre

By SUNIL KATARIA in New Delhi

SUSPECTED Kashmiri separatists yesterday shot dead 34 villagers in a neighbouring state as the Indian Prime Minister, Atal Behari Vajpayee, renewed a conditional offer of talks with Pakistan on the troubled region.

The attack was in Kalaban, in the state of Himachal Pradesh, 30km from the border with India's Jammu and Kashmir province, where Muslim militants are waging a rebellion against New Delhi's rule.

As India and Pakistan exchanged fire for a fifth day across their disputed Kashmir border, the Indian Defence Ministry said "foreign mercenaries operating on the behest of Pakistan have been killing innocent civilians in remote areas".

Mr Vajpayee had earlier said he was ready to resume stalled peace talks with Pakistan, but Islamabad must first stop aiding Kashmiri militants. Pakistan denies arming the guerrillas but says it provides moral and diplomatic support.

Separately, Pakistan said its troops had "blasted" an Indian army base at Kazalwan, in northern Kashmir, but an Indian Army spokesman dismissed the claim as "totally false". A defence spokesman said in Srinagar that there had been renewed heavy shelling from the Pakistani side, but there had been no injuries or material damage apart from shrapnel wounds suffered by one soldier.

More than 80 people, mostly civilians, have been killed by artillery fire on both sides since Thursday. The Indian Defence Ministry said six Indian soldiers, two border security personnel and 22 civilians had

died on the Indian side. The Indian Chief of Air Staff, SK Sareen, said in Srinagar that the situation on the Kashmir border was not especially alarming and the firing was a seasonal feature.

"As you know, once the snow melts there is an attempt by the adversary to send in more people _" he said. "There is no warlike situation: the situation

Taiwanese democrat is murdered in China

THE KIDNAPPING and mur- By TERESA POOLE der on the mainland of a Taiwanese woman politician has soured cross-Strait relations and again demonstrated the brutal way in which modern business disputes in China are sometimes settled.

Lin Ti-chuan, 33, and her boyfriend were kidnapped in a row over money he allegedly owed to his mainland business associates. She died after being overdosed with sedatives.

in Peking

and should not have a negative effect on cross-Strait ties". However, the potential for political fallout is considerable. Taiwan's Vice-Prime Minister Liu Chao-hsuan, has warned China that mishandling of the case could outrage the Taiwanese and harm efforts to improve relations.

Taiwan is already angry that

Last night discussions were

still under way about whether there would be a post-mortem examination. Ms Lin's family do not want one, saying they want the body to remain "intact". Chinese officials say they will respect this decision, but are keen to obtain evidence for use in any trial. The murder cut short a visit

to Taiwan by Li Yafei, the A senior mainland official, a representative of its semi-deputy secretary-general of the Party, the pro-independence Liu Gangqi, said the murder official Straits Exchange Foun- Association for Relations Taiwanese opposition party. A

more than three years.

Relations between the two sides have thawed recently, with the announcement that later this year should see the resumption of direct talks between the heads of SEF and Arats, their first meeting since Ms Lin was a city councillor

in Kaohsiung and a member of the Democratic Progressive

the mainland to accompany (Arats), who was the most Dalian in the north-east Chi-mortuary on Friday Doctors the grieving relatives. senior mainland visitor for nese province of Liaoning with said she was dead on arrival. her boyfriend. Wei Tian-kang, a businessman whose mainland associates said he owed them US\$700,000 (£43,000) on a deal.

Both Ms Lin and Mr Wei were kidnapped on arrival by three men and heavily sedated. A ransom of \$200,000 was demanded. Mr Wei managed to escape

and go to the police when the kidnappers took Ms Lin to a hospital in Haicheng after she capital out of her death. slipped into a coma. Her body

said she was dead on arrival. The mainland company said

Huamei Industry, which sup-

plied magnesium. One of the suspects is a Liaoning boss at the company.
On the mainland, Mr Liu said those connected with Ms Lin's death "will be arrested and punished promptly", but he crit-

wan" for making political The DPP, which had only

to build a relationship with Peking, said it would suspend to be involved with Mr Wei was all interactions with China. Chang Chun-hong, a party MP, said: "We will mobilise our

land contact and was working

legislature to boycott all Taiwan's cultural, sports and social exchanges with the mainland." The party's secretary-gen-

eral, Chiu Yi-jen, said the murder was "by no means an icised "some people in Taiisolated incident." In 1994, 24 Taiwanese tourists were robbed and burnt to death on a boat at Qiandao Lake,



My ex-friend the neo-Nazi

WISH I knew who or what has hurt Sergei for, as I keep telling myself, it is hurt that lies at the root of hostility. But I will probably never know, as he has stopped visiting me at Samotechny Lane and now regards me as an enemy.

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It was not always so. On the contrary, 11 years ago he was such a good friend that my husband, Costya, and I invited him to our wedding. But for Sergei, who has become an extreme Russian nationalist, the honeymoon with the West is over, and so, therefore, is his friendship with me.

Sergei had unnerved me before with odd, anti-Semitic things he said. But it only became clear how far apart we had grown when he dropped in for a drink a few weeks ago and we ended up baving an argument. The conversation began harmlessly enough, with a few jokes, but before I knew it we had plunged into politics. "It's all the fault of the foreigners." said Sergei.

"Pardon?" "The West is to blame." "Well, yes," I said, "the West has made some mistakes, raised expectations that life after Communism would be easy. Unfortunately STREET LIFE SAMOTECHNY

LANE, MOSCOW

Russia has not always seen the best side of the West. You've seen our unscrupulous businessmen, our cheap products in the kiosks: but surely Russians themselves must bear some responsibility for their problems. After all, Yeltsin, the members of the government, are Russian."

"They're traitors," said Sergei. "They have got us into debt with the IMF. The only mistake we Russians have made is not resisting the aggression of the West."

I was stunned. If I had heard that argument from some shaven-headed blackshirt in Alexander Barkashov's Russian National Unity Party, I would not have been surprised. But Sergei is a highly educated man whose father was a famous writer who advised Mikhail Gorba-

chev on literary freedom. In the heady days of perestroika and glasnost, when Russians and Westerners met with excitement, we used to French because my Russian was still rudimentary, and Sergei would talk of dreams of knowing the wider world.

"Yes, then I only wanted to listen to Western rock music." he said, when I reminded him. "But now, I get tears in my eyes when I hear the balalaika on the radio."

There is nothing wrong with Russian folk music, but something disturbing about Sergei's new-found appreciation for Stalin. And his hatredfilled form of Russian Orthodoxy seems very far from true Christianity.

Most of all, I was shocked by Sergei's definition of the West. It was, he said, not a place, but a world-view based on respect for democracy (to him, a pejorative word), women's liberation (also negative) and a positive attitude

to Jews (very bad indeed). I said I would like to think of the West as a community of countries where everyone counted, man or woman, black or white, Christian or Jew. He called me a "rootiess smopolitan".

He said that once England, France and Germany were countries with a strong sit in Serger's flat, speaking national identity but "the

Russia was falling, too. The Great Satan was America.

"It is an incredibly corrupt and decadent place. It is not only the enemy of the Arabs but of the whole world. But you mark my words, soon it will be destroyed. The Statue of Liberty will be shattered in a thousand pieces."

"I think you really want to see that, don't you?" I said incredulously, remembering how a few years ago Sergei had gone in great excitement on a business trip to Florida. (He also spent two weeks in my family home in Yorkshire, and ought to know that we in the West are human too.)

"Yes, I do," he said, "I dream of seeing America on its knees."

At that, I stopped debating. I felt stone cold, despite the summer heat. "Well, I'm sorry," I said, "I

came to Russia to learn, to help if I could, I did not mean any harm." "We do not need your help. It's nothing personal, Helen,

He was my friend. Those were his parting words. Helen Womack

but you represent the enemy.

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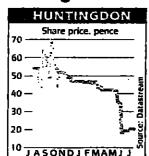
BRIEFING

Off-licence merger 'to avoid MMC'

WHITBREAD AND Allied Domecq are understood to have received confidential guidance that the proposed merger of their Threshers and Victoria Wine off-licence chains will not fall foul of the competition authorities. The size of the deal means it is certain to be examined by the Office of Fair Trading, but industry experts said the guidance had been that a referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission was unlikely.

The two companies confirmed yesterday that they are in talks about a possible 50-50 joint venture that would have 3,000 branches and annual sales of £1.3bn. The venture's share of the total take-home drinks market would be around 13 per cent. However, it would have nearly onethird of the high street off-licence market.

Huntingdon shares suspended



SHARES in Huntingdon Life Sciences, the animaltesting company, were suspended yesterday at 19.5p after the company revealed that it was negotiating a refinancing

The company, which was accused of cruelty to animals after a television documentary broadcast last year, said the

include a new share issue, new medium-term banking facilities and "possible board changes".

Three more quit Deutsche Bank

THREE MORE investment bankers have left Deutsche Bank to join a rival firm, a spokesman for the German bank confirmed yesterday.

The departure of Peter Golob, who headed the 20-strong telecoms team, along with Andrew McLennan and Edward Dunn, has prompted speculation of more defections. Merrill Lynch yesterday declined to comment on reports that the trio had signed up to join its telecoms team, which is co-headed by Tom Casey.

Deutsche has recently suffered a number of high-profile

defections as it restructures its operations and the relationship between its London and Frankfurt offices. Last month Rory Macnamara left its mergers and acquisitions team in London, while over 100 of its Silicon Valley-based technology analysts departed en masse to join Crédit Suisse First Boston. Peter Golob's twin brother James, who is a telecoms analyst at Deutsche's equities division, is reported to be staying at the bank.

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sale with £1.9bn price tag

A FRESH wave of consolidation was in prospect in the energy sector after London Electricity was put up for sale yesterday by its US owners, Entergy.

The sale is expected to raise up to £1.9bn, compared with the £1.5bn New Orleans-based Entergy paid for London Electricity 18 months ago.

Bidders may include owners of other regional electricity companies (Recs), rivals such as Centrica and financial buyers such as the Japanese bank Nomura. PacifiCorp, which lost the battle for Eastern, is another likely bidder.

Mike Bemis, the chief exec-

utive of London Electricity, indicated that the company had already received about 20 expressions of interest and more were likely to surface.

A memorandum of sale is due to be issued towards the end of this month by Entergy's financial advisers, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, with the aim of completing the sale by early next year.

Entergy is also selling its Australian electricity business CitiPower and some US telecoms and energy management businesses. The group is aim-

bulk of which will be used to re-

London Electricity up for

duce debts standing at \$10bn. London Electricity has been eeking a merger with another Rec for some time and held talks with Seeboard and North-

ern Electric. The decision to sell the business altogether follows a change of management at Entergy in May, which saw the abrupt departure of its chairman and chief executive, Ed Lupberger, who negotiated the

original purchase in 1996. Entergy said it would now concentrate on its US electricity business, nuclear power

ing to raise \$4bn (£2.5bn), the and international power generation. It said the sale of London Electricity would not affect its investments in UK power generation, adding that Entergy could be interested in bidding for power stations being sold off by PowerGen and Na-

tional Power. The decision to sell London Electricity follows the £1.9bn sale last month of East Midlands Electricity to PowerGen by another US utility, Dominion Resources. PowerGen has completed the purchase and is waiting to see whether it will escape referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

seven UK Recs taken over by US utilities since mid-1995. The others are Yorkshire, Midlands Electricity, Northern, Seeboard and Eastern.

A sale to one of these companies is possible, but Mr Bemis said there were also a number of other leading US utilities without a UK presence that could be interested.

The candidate most likely to launch a financially-structured bid is Nomura's principal finance group, run by Guy Hands. Nomura considered making a bid for Eastern, part of the Energy Group, but pulled

London Electricity is one of out claiming the price was too high. The company was eventually bought by Texas Utilities for £4.45bn earlier this year.

London Electricity has 2 million customers and 4,000 employees. Before its sale to Entergy a number of US utili-ties were deterred from bidding by the fact that it supplies the capital, leaving its owner vulnerable to adverse publicity in the event of power failures.

In the second quarter London Electricity contributed \$65m to Entergy's improved financial performance, although \$44m related to tax benefits.

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Far East takes its toll on **HSBC** profits

By Lea Paterson

HSBC, the banking group, yesterday disappointed the City with its latest set of earnings figures, which were hit hard by the Far Eastern financial crisis.

The banking giant, which is heavily exposed to the troubled Asian region, reported a 14 per cent drop in pre-tax profits to \$3.69bn (£2.23bn). HSBC has set aside an additional £700m in provisions for bad and doubtful

John Bond, group chairman, said it was "difficult to predict" when the stricken Asian economies would recover. However. Mr Bond said the group's confidence in Asia's long-term prospects remained strong.

At a press conference in London, Keith Whitson, HSBC's chief executive, stressed the group's commitment to Asia, although he admitted the bank was taking a more cautious approach in the region. "We have changed the pace of the strategy of building personal banking in Asia, but not the direction," he said.

Mr Whitson said the group had no plans to exit investment banking, despite intense media speculation earlier this year. He said: "We have absolutely no intention of selling or divesting

By Peter Thal Larsen

SHARES IN Cable & Wireless

Communications, the country's

second-largest telecoms oper-

ator, lost 11 per cent of their

value yesterday as a major

shareholder announced plans to

sell bonds backed by the shares.

598.5p as Bell Atlantic, the US

group which owns 18.5 per cent

of the company, announced

plans to raise "in excess of

\$3bn" in interest-bearing notes

exchangeable into CWC shares.

veiled a \$53bn (£33bn) merger

with GTE, the US long-dis-

tance operator, plans to price

the bonds at a premium to the

CWC share price, effectively

mortgaging the expected future

returns from the shares. When

Bell, which last week un-

CWC shares crashed 72.5p to

CWC shares hit



HSBC is confident of Asia's long-term prospects, said group chief executive Keith Whitson (left), pictured with finance director Douglas Flint

HSBC Investment Banking fell by 6 per cent to \$154m. Attributable profits at the

they mature the bonds will be

exchangeable into CWC shares

An analyst said investors had

reacted badly to another load of

CWC stock hitting the market.

Bell Canada recently placed its

entire shareholding in the group

with institutions. Experts also

criticised the structure of the

issue. "This is effectively Bell At-

lantic wanting to have their

financial officer, said the issue

would "realise some of the sub-

stantial value" of the invest-

ment in CWC. Bell would use

the proceeds for business op-

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merger which created CWC.

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Bell acquired its sharehold-

Frederic Salerno, Bell chief

cake and eat it," said one.

by bond sale plan news of offer

UK's Midland Bank rose by 12 per cent to £550m, although pension mis-selling charge and ty at the UK bank. a poor first half in the treasury

our investment banking activ- division. Midland's net margin ities." Attributable profits at fell from 2.73 per cent to 2.61 per cent, partly because of "the impact of competitive pressures", reported the group. However, Mr Whitson said there was as yet no evidence of they were tempered by a £60m a deterioration in credit quali-

HSBC is keeping an open

Associate City Editor

SHARES IN TLG, the former

Thorn Lighting Group, soared

by 23 per cent yesterday when

it said it had received an ap-

proach that may lead to an offer

for the company. TLG shares

closed 25.5p higher at 135.5p,

valuing the business at £250m.

the industrial conglomerate,

as the likely predator. Wassall

has been building a stake in

TLG and acquired a further 1.7

million shares on Friday taking

to add to its comments about its

share purchase and did not

plan a further announcement.

This appeared to suggest that

Wassall is content to continue

Wassall said it had nothing

its stake to 10.1 per cent.

Speculation hit upon Wassall,

TLG soars after

mind on acquisitions, according to Mr Whitson. He said: "We are well placed to take advantage of opportunities." However, he cautioned that the group had "very exacting" acquisition criteria.

33p to 1,490p. Investment column, page 19

which was spun out of Thorn-

EMI three years ago. TLG

fore the takeover speculation

In June the company re-

ported a 12 per cent rise in un-

derlying profits to £25m on

sales up 2 per cent to £393m. It

won contracts to supply flood-

lighting for three stadiums in

figures were dented by ster-

share to 7 per cent.

strategic review.

Shares in HSBC group fell by

facing great difficulties?" ing Managers Index, a composite indicator of activity in manufacturing, fell to 44.8 in July from 47.4 in June, the largest monthly decline since September 1992. A PMI reading of less than 50 indicates that a as a passive investor in TLG, sector is contracting. In the case of manufacturing, the PMI shares peaked at over 180o, but has come in at below 50 for four they had been languishing be-

began. They traded at 89.5p in April when Wassall took its the World Cup in France, but its fidence.

ling's strength, which affected profits in France and Germany. TLG then announced plans to buy back £20m of its shares. David Laybourne, the new chief executive, is undertaking a already a bleak position."

Factories slump is steepest in six years

BY LEA PATERSON

THE UK'S manufacturing sector is contracting at its fastest rate for almost six years, according to a new survey. The news sent sterling falling against the deutschmark as fears of another interest-rate rise eased.

The Chartered Institute of orders, output and employment in manufacturing. Exfalling Asian demand and the strong pound, the CIPS said. while firms at home are struggling against cheap imports

Peter Thomson, the CIPS director-general, said: "The survey provides the first real evidence of a drop in UK demand. Interest rates seem to have had the desired effect of stem ming consumer spending."

John Redwood, the shadow trade and industry spokesman, said: "Another day, another dreadful survey. How much more evidence does the Government need before the Secretary of State persuades the Chancellor that Labour's economic policy has gone horribly wrong and manufacturing is

The CIPS said its Purchasconsecutive months.

Adam Cole at HSBC Securities said: "I'm surprised by how quickly things are deteriorating in manufacturing. It's not just the CIPS survey, but also the CBI survey." Ten days ago the Confederation of British Industry released its influential quarterly survey of manufacturing, which pointed to a sharp fall in business con-

Michael Saunders at Salomon Smith Barney said: "the message from these survey readings is clear - manufacturing output is set to weaken much further from what is

Sterling closed at DM2.899 a pfennig down from Friday's close, as dealers speculated that the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) would not raise base rates later this week. But economists were not ruling out a rate rise altogether, saying that the recent bout of weakness in sterling and continued strong Purchasing & Supply (CIPS) earnings growth could per-survey found evidence of falling suade the MPC to put up rates.

Mr Saunders said: "Despite the very weak evidence from porters continue to be hit by manufacturing, we still expect base rates to rise by 0.25 points this week."

The Government vesterday faced renewed calls to alter the make-up of the MPC amid growing concern that it did not fully appreciate the problems facing UK industry Speaking on BBC Radio 4.

John Edmonds, GMB union

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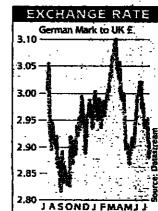
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general secretary, said: "I'd like to see at least two or three people there with direct experience of manufacturing and in-

David Kidney MP, a member of the Treasury Select Committee, told Radio 4's World at One: "Our view is it is slightly too narrow a base at the moment. Managing monetary policy is a fairly technical job, but nevertheless, we feel there is too narrow a background." Other figures released yes-

terday showed that Mo, a narrow measure of money supply. rose from year-on-year growth of 5.5 per cent in June to 5.7 per cent in July Economists said this could be a signal of a pickup in retail sales, but it would be unlikely to have much effect on the interest-rate decision. Outlook, page 15

AROUND THE WORLD'S MARKETS

FONDON

BLUE CHIPS staged a modest rally towards the close but still ended the session in negative territory. Footsie, at one time off 85 points, finished down 27.3 at 5,809.7 in lackiustre, typically low-key August trading.

Second and third-line shares were also dull. Pearson, on results, rose 80p to 1.200p and oil group Lasmo, as takeover speculation returned, put on 6p to 216.5p. There was a flurry of bid excitement among second-line chemical companies.

NEW YORK

THE MARKET was lower in late morning trading on concern that Asia's economic troubles may cut into US corporate profits.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 4.89 points at 8,878.40 after falling 81 points in early trading. The broader S&P index dropped 0.41 points to 1,120.26, while the Nasdaq was down 14 points, or 0.8 per cent. at 1.858.39. Oil shares were among the big losers on fears that global economic weakness will reduce demand for fuel.

() TOKYO

JAPANESE STOCKS fell yesterday, amid rising concerns that the new government will be unable to cure the country's economic ills. The Nikkei index fell 213.89 points, or 1.31 per cent, to 16,165.08, while the broader Topix index lost 16.8 points to 1245,24.

Banks were sharply lower, led by Sanwa Bank, which lost almost 10 per cent after a financial watchdog barred it from selling mutual funds for a year for bribing Ministry of Finance and Bank of Japan

HONG KONG

THE HONG KONG stock market took its biggest tumble in five weeks as dealers prepared for a fall in first-half profit at the banking giant HSBC.

The Hang Seng index fell 388.43 points, or 4.8 per cent, to 7,552.77, its lowest since June 16. HSBC, the London-based parent of Hong Kong's two largest banks, accounted for around half of the decline. Analysts expected a further slide today after HSBC reported a 16 per cent fall in

BANGKOK

THAI STOCKS fell yesterday. dragged down by falls in regional markets and by uncertainty over negotiations between the government and the International Monetary Fund

The SET index lost 5.83 points, or 2.2 per cent, to 260.89, led by banking stocks. Analysts said many dealers remained on the sidelines awaiting progress in talks with the IMF over an increase in this year's budget deficit. The government wants a larger deficit to boost

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RECOMB Called

London calling as Louisiana beckons

THE AMERICANS are leaving. First the Virginians who run Dominion Resources decided to make Ex Wallis's day by selling him a regional electricity company in the shape of East Midlands, Now En tergy, the owners of London Electricity, are packing their bags and heading back to New Orleans after just 18 months running the show

If this is a trend, we are in for an awful lot more corporate action over the next 12 months because at the last count US utilities still owned seven of the 12 Recs. Texas Utilities can presumably be counted on to hang on to Eastern for a while as it is still digesting its acquisition.

But what about the boys from Dallas, Central and South West, who would not be unhappy to see the back of Seeboard, or Southern Company of Atlanta, Georgia which has been looking for an exit from SWEB almost since the day it bought the business?

Based on the price at which East Midlands and Eastern have recently changed hands, Entergy's advisors estimate that London ought to fetch at least £1.8bn which should help cut its \$10bn debt mountain down to more manageable proportions.



OUTLOOK

But how distant that day now seems back in December 1996 when Entergy made its agreed offer for London. Ed Lupberger, the then chairman and chief executive officer. waxed lyrical about being a longterm participant in the UK electricity market and how London would serve as his platform for the conquest of Europe's energy markets. Mr Lupberger was invited to eave in May after shareholders decided they did not share his vision and liked what his expansionist

strategy was doing to the balance sheet even less. Now the mantra is ocus and a return to concentrating on core businesses The first time that London went

Atlantic. The Americans were worried seemingly about the damage that a "brown out" at Buckingham Palace and the Palace of Westminster would do to their reputations.

This time around, there is the forthcoming distribution price review and the prospect of a harsher regulatory climate to worry about. If there really were a queue of buyers falling over one another to acquire London then Entergy would not have had to go to the trouble of getting Morgan Stanley to arrange an auction.

That said, it only needs one buyer, Nomura's Guy Hands could try his kuck again, PacifiCorp is still smarting from having lost the battle for Eastern and there is surely someone who is prepared to see how the competition authorities react to a Rec on Rec merger.

Not time to party just yet

WHITBREAD AND Allied Domeco's attempt to put together their Threshers and Victoria Wine off licence businesses is hardly sur- it ought to get the green light.

under the hammer, there was not prising given the dynamics of the too much interest from across the market. The competitive impact of the big supermarkets and the cross channel booze trade have left these two chains looking like a pair of drunks who have imbibed one too many cans of Tennant's Super. Having woken up with one almighty hangover they have now decided that rather than punch each other's lights out, it would be better to wan-

> As a defensive strategy it is hard to fault. The pair will be able to wring out annual savings of around £15m. And their combined buying power will match those of the hig supermarkets. But the real question is whether they can get the deal through the competition authorities. The pair have already sought confidential guidance from the OFT and seem to have got the nod that there will be no problem.

der arm in arm into the night.

This assumes however, that the OFT takes the broader definition of the take home drinks market. If it takes in the whole trade, including the major supermarkets, a combined Thresher-Victoria Wine would account for around 13 per cent of the market, just behind Tesco and just ahead of Sainsbury's. On that basis

But if the narrower definition of high street off licences is adopted their 3,000 branches would amount to a market share of more than 30" per cent. Of course there are compelling arguments Whitbread and Allied Domecq could bring to bear. One is that there is hardly a paucity of competition in the market.

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The number of outlets selling booze in Britain has risen by more than half since 1970 from 28,000 to almost 50,000 as supermarkets and convenience stores have muscled in. They could also argue that a stronger high street offlicence group would provide a more effective competitive break on the supermarkets.

But many a slip betwirt cup and lip. If the merger does get referred, it wouldn't be the first time the competition authorities have given positive guidance confidentially and then changed their minds. Just ask Ladbroke and JC Decaux. So a nice idea lads, but don't get the beers in just yet.

Stop yapping at the MPC

BARELY A day passes without another call for an injection of "real- these objectives, the outcome of the

ism" into the Monetary Policy Committee (which is shorthand for someone who will vote for a cut in interest rates). But much of the current debate misses the point. It does not matter whether MPC members are dyed-in-the-wool industrialists or ivory tower acade-

is the remit set by the Chancellor. If everyone were clear about the MPC's objectives, then the debate would be less about whether the committee had the requisite quota of private sector experience, and more about whether it was ensuring targets were met.

mics since the key to their decisions

At the moment, the MPC is Bell Atlantic charged first and foremost with maintaining price stability - meeting an underlying inflation target of 2.5 per cent. The MPC is also charged with supporting the government's wider economic objectives of growth and employment, as long as the over-riding goal of price stability is not jeopardised. So the message seems to be clear. The MPC's job is to get inflation down, and if manufacturing jobs are lost as an unavoidable consequence, so

be it. As long as all the members of

the MPC are committed to meeting

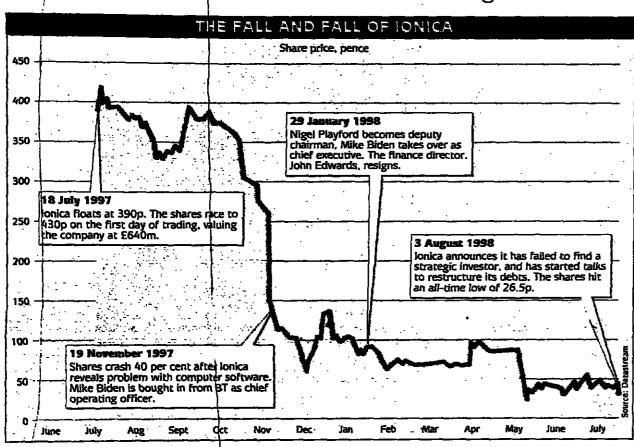
monthly interest-rate meetings should not be affected by the number of industrial economists on the committee.

So those clamouring for more private sector appointmentrts are harking up the wrong tree. They should be lobbying the Chancellor for a new set of objectives but since stability of monetary policy is a corperstone of Mr Brown's strategy, they might as well stop yap-

BELL ATLANTIC'S stake in Cable & Wireless Communications was worth £1.87bn yesterday morning. By the end of the day it had lost £200m in value.

The reason? A rather cheeky offer from Bell to mortgage its CWC stake by issuing \$3bn worth of bonds backed by the shareholding. If the shares rise in value, Bell repays investors in cash. If they fall, it pays out in shares. The markets decided to give Bell a bloody nose. Who says telecom stocks are a

News Analysis: Plans for a new national telecom network are in ruins after a 'woeful tale of mismanagement'



Ionica looks doomed without rescue cash

IONICA YESTERDAY moved a BY PETER THAL LARSEN step closer to complete bankruptcy when it warned sharehoders that it had failed to find a strategic investor to rescue the traibled wireless telecom group. Ionica also announced it had instructed its financial adviser to start talks with holders of its

bonds about restructuring its crippling debt load. There can be no assurance that a strategic investor will be growth of its customer base forthcoming, nor that any re-structuring will be completed," Ionica warned, adding that a further announcement was ex-

pected shortly. Shares in Ionica tumbled 16p to an all-time low of 26.5p a catastrophic fall from its \$90p flotation 12 months ago. The plunge, which has seen the company's market value fall from £540m to just £45m, makes Ionica one of the most disastrous flotations of all time. Sir James McKinnon,

lonica's chairman, yesterday became the latest director to resign. Finance director John Edwards, operations director Robert Lindsey and commercial director Derek Laval had all previously left the group. Nigel Playford, Ionica's

ebullient founder, stepped down as chief executive in January to be replaced by Mike Biden, a former BT executive. However, Mr Playford still sits on the board as deputy chairman. A clause in his contract reveals that he can only be asked to resign as a director if he owns less than 5 million Ionica shares - half the number he currently holds.

Last night, analysis were giromy about the company's prospects of finding a saviour SBC Warburg. Ionica's financial adviser, is believed to have trawked the telecoms market for potential investors without

Although Ionica has £60m of

cash left over from its flotation. observers said potential investors were unlikely to take the risk until the company restructures its heavy debt load. The company had arranged a 2300m loan facility to finance its expansion. But it breached the covenants on its borrowings which were linked to the earlier this year and yesterday said it had decided to terminate the loan facility. "It's just a woeful tale of mismanagement," one analyst concluded.

It was all so different a year

telephone signals, Ionica customers would have an aerial fitted to their house, which would transmit and receive phone calls to a base station several miles away By not having to dig up the roads, Ionica would be able to save costs. Mr Playford even turned the technology into a slo-

gan: "Waves not wires". It all seemed to make sense. In a move that should alert all investors to the dangers of million homes. forecasting, SBC Warburg predicted that the company would

group, Mr Playford had devel-

ogy which could carry

oped a wireless radio technol- thrown off the network shortly

did not pay their bills and were

By January this year Ionica

was hopelessly behind schedule

and its financial plans were in

tatters. Banking covenants,

which required the company to

have 195,000 residential phone

customers by the end of 1998

and be able to offer a service to

3.8 million homes, now look

madly optimistic. Yesterday, Ion-

June it had just 49,332 cus-

tomers and offered service to 2.8

Some of this is clearly down

to poor management. But

Ionica's strategy was also at

fault. Fixed radio access tech-

nology has been made to work

in other parts of the world, not

least in Scotland, where Atlantic

Telecom, a rivai group, has

had great success offering a

Graham Duncan, Atlantic's

executive chairman, points to

several flaws in Ionica's strat-

egy. "With the benefit of hind-

sight, you can say they tried to

be all things to all men," he

says, referring to the group's

determination to build a na-

tional network. Atlantic has

succeeded by concentrating on

building infrastructure in

densely populated cities, where

each base station covers a

wider potential customer base.

gest a way for Ionica to salvage

its business, it may be too late.

Analysts now believe that po-

tential investors would only be

interested in Ionica's national

telecom licence and its royalty

agreement with Nortel, where-

by it gets a small out of revenues

on the wireless technology if it

is sold elsewhere. But they point

out that both of these could be

picked up much more simply

and cheaply if the company

goes into administration.

Although his comments sug-

service in Glasgow.

ica revealed that at the end of

after signing up.

Nigel Playford (left) the founder; and Sir James McKinnon, who quit as chairman yesterday

ago, when Ionica made a sparkling debut on the Stock Exchange. Its flotation, which raised £147m, was five times oversubscribed and the shares raced to a 10 per cent premium on their first day of trading.

Ionica's strategy was simple. The group planned to develop a national telecom network at a fraction of the cost of the one owned by British Telecom. This would allow it win over customers by offering steep discounts to BT

The key to this was Ionica's technology. In co-operation with Nortei, the Canadian vice were poor credit risks who

grab 10 per cent of the UK market within six years - making it

the main challenger to BI Within months, however, forecasts had gone up in smoke. In November last year, Ionica shocked investors with the revelation that new software had been delayed, forcing it to scale back expansion plans. The existing software, meanwhile, struggled to cope with demand, leaving furning customers unable to get through.

It also emerged that many of the customers who had been attracted to the cut-price ser-

Industry, is to retain responsibility for the controversial Millennium Dome project despite claims from the opposition benches about possible conflicts of interest. Announcing the details of the

responsibilities of the DTI team yesterday, Mr Mandelson said that in addition to overall responsibility for the Department of Trade and the Export Credits Guarantee Department (ECGD), he would retain special responsibility for competitiveness and productivity, the information society and the Millennium Dome. He will also be the cabinet minister responsible for science and technology.

PETER MANDELSON, the new By NIGEL COPE Secretary of State for Trade and Associate City Editor

The DTI said yesterday that

Mandelson keeps Dome job

as new DTI team takes shape

for Mr Mandelson to step aside from the dome project as conflicts of interest could arise when he takes decisions relating to companies investing in the dome or sponsoring it.

The opposition industry spokesman, John Redwood, said last week it would be better for Mr Mandelson to drop control of the dome, saying he should "think very carefully" about decisions relating to companies involved in the project. "A lot of people will be watching," warned Mr Redwood.

if any conflict did arise, each instance would be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. Some of

BSkyB, Tesco, BAA and BA. The responsibilities of the

DTI's new faces has been decided. Brian Wilson, the new minister for trade, will oversee trade policy, export promotion including inward investment, infrastructure and export projects as well as the ECGD:

Kim Howells, who has replaced Nigel Griffiths as parliamentary undersecretary of state, has a broad brief including competition and consumer affairs. That could see him get involved in the future of the Post Office, which comes under the remit of Ian McCartney, who also has employment relations, the minimum wage and shared re-

sponsibility for corporate governance with Lord Simon.

backing the dome, including BT, down last week as chairman of Sainsbury's to avoid conflict of interest criticism, is named as Minister of Science, which has an additional budget of £1.1bn over the next three years. He has responsibility for the Office of Science and Technology, the research councils and space matters.

Other ministerial responsibilities remain unchanged. John Battle remains in charge of energy, industry and environment issues. Lord Simon stays as minister for trade and competitiveness in Europe, overseeing internal EU issues, the single market and preparations for the euro. Barbara Roche continues as minister for small firms, regional policy including inward investment and

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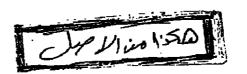
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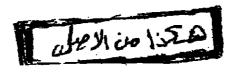


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Hong Kong shares plunge nearly 5%

HONG KONG'S stock market By STEPHEN VINES took a heavy hit as fears of the economy plunging into a deep recession took told yesterday.

From the opening bell the market was anticipating bad news from a government announcement of revised firstquarter gross domestic product figures.

The gloomsters were soon vindicated when it was officially admitted that the original forecast of a 2 per cent fall in GDP in the first quarter, the worst for over a decade, was not pessimistic enough. The government now says that there was a 2.8 per cent decline.

Sir Donald Tsang, the Financial Secretary, also confirmed that the second quarter figures, to be released soon, are

in Hong Kong

"unlikely to be good". Reflecting a general view that the economy has declined even further in recent months, he said he thought these figures were likely to be "pretty miserable by Hong Kong standards.

In other words the government is finally verging on ad-mitting that this once ever-growing economy has slipped into recession. Tang Kwong-yiu, the chief government economist, also signaled that the outlook for the rest of the year was bleak. He said "I don't expect any improvement in the Asian environment'. Sir Donald said that he

March budget forecast, which day, a fall of 383 points. predicted that the economy would grow by 3.5 per cent this year. No private sector fore- low opinion poll ratings for the caster sees economic growth as likely this year.

lan Perkin, the chief economist for the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, said that the second-quarter GDP fall could exceed 3 per cent and that no upturn was expected before the fourth quarter.

The economic figures, and a particularly poor performance for HSBC Holding's Hong Kong main subsidiaries (the Hongkong and Hang Seng banks) also announced yesterday, prompted a significant fall in share prices, leaving the blue chip Hang Seng Index

The sell-off was fuelled by bad news. In Japan, record new government and the decline of the yen below 145 to the dollar, confirmed fears that Tokyo was unlikely to lead the way out of the crisis.

A sharp decline in domestic spending, combined with an even bigger fall in the tourist trade lies behind the downward revision of the GDP figures announced yesterday.

"I still can't find any good news," said James Osborn, the director of sales at ING Barings Securities in Hong Kong, "given that it's hard to put even long-term investors in the market at the moment."

An investment in the wrong kind of chips

porting our expertise? Well,

yes, I suppose we are. But the

most surprising thing is the

nature of our expertise. If you

area where the UK had no

comparative advantage, you

might well choose food.

British food is not, in the eyes

of the world, particularly

renowned. Which country

does have a comparative ad-

vantage in that department?

France, of course, So which

company provided the food at

all the World Cup stadiums

this year, or does so at Charles

de Gaulle airport in Paris, or

at staff canteens in many

French companies? Answer-

yes, it is a British company.

I give you that example

not in an attempt to claim that

Britons know more about food

than the French. This partic-

ular company happens to be

a brilliant manager of a vari-

ety of assorted firms in dif-

ferent parts of the food chain.

It seems to be very good at

buying the right chains and

then improving their results.

And this gives a clue to the

called Compass.

OF COURSE it is desperately sad that Siemens is having to shut the brand-new chip plant in Wallsend. But given the commoditisation of the chip market which has been taking place for the last five years, you have to ask whether it such a good idea in the first place. Britain has no natural comparative advantage in this sort of mass production, and the plant would not have gone ahead without the combination of a foreign firm and strong incentives for inward

investment. Any instinctive ambivalence we might have towards foreign companies has been Honda, relying on Japanese further sharpened in the last know-how to develop any new jobs at Rover and the muddle over the sale of Rolls-Royce Motors.

On the one hand, most people recognise that foreign direct investment is now the chief way in which manufacturing technology transfers across national boundaries. and so - quite apart from the direct impact on employment and output - such investment improves the quality of the capital stock. The figures confirm this: foreign-owned companies have 34 per cent higher value-added than Britishowned ones, 24 per cent higher wages, and 142 per cent higher net capital spending per head. So the fact that the UK is second only to the US in terms of the stock of foreign-owned assets (see table) means that we have "bought in" a lot of technology.

On the other hand, whenever there is some cutback, or simply the foreign purchase of a famous brand name (such as Rolls-Royce or Bentley) it is hard not to have a nagging feeling that the loss of national control carries costs. The flood of foreign investment into the country may indeed be a success story, but could

it not also represent a failure? industry it must represent predecessors) to develop cars invisible foreign-owners, that were competitive in world blending in with the woodmarkets. Rover was left in a position where it could either companies here tend to be

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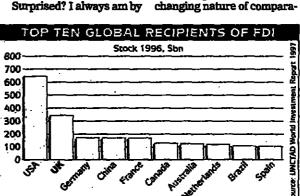
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The next big game will be the international trade in human capital. Britain is clearly in with a chance

few days by the cuthacks of cars, or be taken over by a company with strong engineering resources and a strong balance-sheet.

But in making the judgement, we must feed in one other fact. Though we have an enormous stock of foreignowned investments here, Britain actually owns an even larger stock abroad. The total value of direct investments abroad is £238bn; the total stock of foreign-owned stuff here is £172bn.

Surprised? I always am by



discovering when abroad that something that I thought was foreign-owned turns out to be British. A few weeks ago I was in a hotel in Boston with some fancy French-sounding In the case of the motor name, only to see in tiny letters at the bottom of some failure - the failure, for ex- hotel literature that it was ample, of Rover (and all its owned by Granada. We are work, whereas foreign-owned

making electronic chips, because the know-how crosses national boundaries with the speed of light. It does seem possible to maintain an advantage in making real chips, as Compass has demonstrated. But that skill lies in general management, not in high-technology. The driving force in the

tive advantage. It is very hard

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globalisation of the world management, is clearly in economy has already moved with a chance.

Does this mean we are ex- from physical trade - exporting and importing - to foreign direct investment. You make locally, shipping the knowhow embedded in the product were to say the first thing that and the money to build the come into your head as an plant across the seas instead of shipping the actual goods. Now the trend seems to be moving from direct investment in companies producing goods to companies producing

We are still in the early stages of this process, but it will, I think, become the dominant one in the process of globalisation. Skills like portfolio management, marketing and the development of human capital are rising in importance by comparison with skills like factory organisation. indeed this last skill - development of human capital - is becoming the most important

If you look at a typical successful company, its physical assets account for a small proportion of its market value. The rest is accounted for by intangible assets. These include brand names (I reckon that, at £40m, what BMW paid for the Rolls-Royce name was cheap), distribution networks. customer relationships and so on. But add all those up and there is usually still quite a lot unaccounted for. What can that be? Answer, it can only be the intellectual capital of the workforce.

All the crowing about the success of inward investment, and all the anguish when an investment goes belly-up, neglects the fact that these foreign manufacturing plants represent only the present manifestation of globalisation. Of course it is important and it will remain so. But the next big game will be the international trade in human capital. It is not just: "How do you manage clever people?" It is also which country has a cultural advantage in managing that cleverness in such a way as to extract maximum value for shareholders.

At a guess I would think that the US will do well, while Japan will do badly. Britain, for all the shortcomings of our

IN BRIEF

Rosneft to be restructured

THE RUSSIAN state-owned oil company, Rosneft, will be restructured financially and its management will be reshuffled to ensure that the company's privatisation does not fail for a third time, the deputy premier, Boris Nemtsov, said yesterday.

Gruppa Alyans, the Russian consultancy appointed last week to manage Rosneft, will overhaul the company's finances, ensure timely payment of its federal budget dues and improve its efficiency ahead of its sell-off on 27 October, Mr Nemtsov

WPP Japan pact

WPP, the advertising group that owns the Ogilvy & Mather and J Walter Thompson agencies, has entered into a strategic alliance with Asatsu, Japan's third-largest agency. WPP is paving £208m for a 20 per cent stake in Asatsu, and the Japanese firm will take a 4 per cent stake in WPP.

The two companies said they would work together to provide global services to Japanese clients and take advantage of Japan's lucrative advertising market, where expenditure hit \$41bn (£25bn) last year.

Asatsu recorded profits of \$36.5m last year on billings of \$1.6bn. It announced plans last week to merge with Dai Ichi Kikaku, the seventhranked agency in Japan.

Mobile offers

ONE 2 ONE, the mobile telephone company owned jointly by Cable & Wireless and US West, said it is introducing a series of consumer offers aimed at increasing its market share, including free national calls on selected tariffs. The company said that

customers signing up to One 2 One's "special edition" free national call tariffs between 10 August and 25 October this year will be able to make free calls to fixed-line phones as long as they subscribe to those tariffs. One 2 One also said that between 10 August and 11 October, charges for calls to national or local numbers and to other One 2 One customers will be reduced by 20 per cent to 40p per minute.

PLA fines Kestrei

KESTREL FINANCIAL Management has been reprimanded and ordered to pay a fine of £85,000 for compliance failings, the Personal Investment Authority (PIA) has announced. The company was also ordered to pay the PIA's costs of £16,000.

FILTRONIC, the manufacturer

of microwave products for

global cellular to electronic

warfare applications, has

agreed to buy an American

has agreed to acquire the busi-

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Solid State (LSS), part of Litton

LSS produces semiconduc-

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Systems of California

Yorkshire-based Filtronic profits growth in the future.

firm in a deal worth £26m.



Apache helicopters will enter service with British forces in 2000

Westland venture wins £650m training contract

formed by GKN Westland He- Arborfield. licopters and the US aircraft tract worth £650m for training Helicopter, the Ministry of Defence said yesterday. The 30year contract is for training air and ground crew to operate and maintain the helicopter

Lord Gilbert, Minister of ment, said training facilities, including advanced simulators which will reduce the need for airborne and overseas training, Corps bases at Middle Wallop, Wattisham and Dishforth, and

AVIATION Training Interna- the Royal Electrical and largest contract caterer, con-

maker Boeing, has won a con-tract places full responsibility on GKN/Boeing to provide a Apache's entry into UK service in December 2000.

"Training will be highly realistic, allowing air, ground and maintenance crew to train without using aircraft, reducing State for Defence Procure- the need for night flying and live armament training. The facilities will substantially reduce wear and tear on the Apache fleet and maximise aircraft will be established at Army Air availability for operational units." Lord Gilbert said.

Yesterday Compass, the UK's

tional (ATIL), a joint venture Mechanical Engineers base at firmed that its Eurest unit had won a MoD contract to supply Lord Gilbert said the con- catering services in Germany.

The contract covers 25,000 staff employed by the British on the WAH-64 Apache Attack high-quality service in time for Army and their dependents. Compass said it is worth a potential £500m in sales over seven years. Shares in Compass rose 33p to 665p.

This is the latest in a series of high-profile contracts for Compass, which include a deal with Royal Philips Electronics NV covering 110,000 staff. Compass, which operates the Upper Crust chain of sandwich stores, is focusing on new orders after spending £1bn on acquisitions in its last financial year.

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Jigsaws falloff hits Zotefoams

By Francesco Guerriera

SHARES IN Zotefoams, the former BP chemicals division, slumped to an all-time low yesterday after the foam-maker warned that a slowdown in its the second half." key markets and the strength of sterling would depress profits in the second half. The company, which manufactures foam for industrial

and commercial use, said that an expected fall in demand for three-dimensional jigsaws would be one of the key reason for the fall in profits. Sales to jigsaw manufacturers, who use the foam to stuff

company turnover. Earnings and sales would

Filtronic pays £26m for US firm

came as Filtronic, which is also

involved in cable telecommu-

nications components, posted

greatly improved results and

confidently predicted further

In the year to May 31 the

company made a record pre-tax

profit of £11m on sales of

£4.1m on £46.4m in the previous

people in Britain, most of them

Filtronic employs almost 900

ket, where most of its customers have been suffering from the pound's rise, Zote foams said. The combined effects of these factors would "adversely impact profits in City analysts scaled down

their forecasts for the full-year results and are now predicting profits of £7m, compared with around £8.3m previously. The warning caused a

plunge in the shares, which lost 28 per cent of their value to close at 152.5p, wiping around £18m from the company's market value. Zotefoams, which was spun

their 3D creations, account for off from BP in 1992, reported a around 18 per cent of the 9 per cent fall in first-half pretax profits to £3.7m on turnover up 2 per cent to £12.3m. The also be hit by lower-price im- company said the strength of ports from Continental Europe sterling had reduced the inteand by a flat demand UK mar- rim profit figure by £400,000.

Wolverhampton and Milton

Its operations in the US and

"During the year, the four-

Australia have around 550

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tablish a global strategy as the

leading supplier of customised

wave components and sub-

Professor David Rhodes.

systems," said the chairman,

Filtronic shares closed down

workers between them.

News of the acquisition arton and Hamilton in Scotland,

194.1m. This compares with microwave and millimetre

at Shipley near Bradford, al- 16.5p at 420p, having gained 8.2

though it also has staff at Stew-per cent last week,

The Issolvency Act 1986 SHEPPARD SERVICES LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY CIVEN purs to Section 98 of the Insolvency ACL 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDI-TORS of the above named Company will be held on 19th August 1998 at 4 Chamerhouse Square, London ECIM 6EN at 12,00 noon for the pur-

ECIM 6EN at 12.00 noon for the pur-pues mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER CIVEN that Maurice Raymand Domington, FIPA, of Poppleton & Appleto, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, ECIM 6EN is imponited to Act as the quali-fied Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 980/24s of the said Act who will furnish creditors, tree of Charge, with such information con-cerning the Company's allows as they may manuscrably require. Dated this 23rd day of July 1996 By Onder of the Soard

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Dated this 27th day of July 1998
By Order of the Board
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION COMPANIES COURT IN THE MATTER OF PROWTING INVESTMENTS LIMITED

IN THE MATTER OF SECURED PROPERTY DEVELOPMENTS PLC AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985 COMPARIES ACT 1980
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was an 17th July 1998 presented to Her Majessty's High Count of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from 1st 1900,000 to \$23,757,492.28.

to 22-35/37A.

And Notice is further given that the said bettee the Polition is directed to be heard before the Registers of Companier Court at the Regist Courts of Instice, Strand, London WCA 21, on Westnesday 12 August 1998.

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AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Petition is directed to be heard before the Registrar of the Companies Count at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 21.1 on Wednesday the 12th day of August 1998. ANY Creditor or Shareholder of ANY Creditor or Sharenourr or the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the reduction of capital of the said Company should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Comset for that naturals. Dated this 1st day of August 1998

A copy of the gaid Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the modermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charges. Dated this 31st day of July 1998

Rochman Landau Solicitors for the Petinoners 45 Mortimer Street London WIN 7TD Tel: 0171 544 2424 Fex: 0171 544 2400 Ref: JAG/SEC.1/34025

The insolvency Act 1986 GROMAX PLASTICULTURE LTD PLASTICURTURE LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY CAVEN purposes to Section 9ft of the Issubversey Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Computer will be held on 24th August 1995 at the Old Bakery, Lower Convex Bond, Royston, Hens, SGA SEA at 12,00 noon for the purposes newfloand be Section 99 at seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS PLIKTHER CAVEN that Marrice Roysmond Domington, FIPA, of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterforuse Square, London, ECLIAM 66N is appointed to act as the qualified insolvency Practationer pursuant to Section 98/2018 of the said Act who will furnish creditors, feet of charge, with such hidomostion concerning the Company's affairs as they pay reasonably require.

Duted that 28th day of July 1998 By Order of the Board
N CRAME, Director

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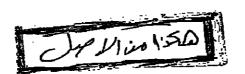
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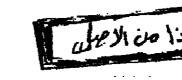
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other reporting today, gave up 9p to

328p. Diageo, the spirits group,

weakened 16p to 712p as the "fat

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Lloyds TSB attracted an array

Rank, the leisure group, an-

tomorrow, lost 25p at 653p.

ROGUE TRADES continue to haunt shares subjected to order-driven trading Smiths Industries, the engineering to medical group, is the latest example of spaghettifingered deals.

Late on Friday two maverick trades went through at 711p against the 753p price the shares had enjoyed during the rest of the day.

Yesterday it was a case of repairing the damage. The shares quickly recaptured a more realistic price and ended the session at 770p. a 59p gain.

The Smiths revival was, however, not enough to prevent another Footsie fall; it lost 27.3 points to 5,809.7. The closing calculation was rather better than seemed likely at one stage when Footsie was nursing an 85 decline. A firmer than expected New York opening helped swing the index.

It was a lacklustre, typically holiday-season session. Trading was modest, with the stock market still in a sweat over the Far East and getting increasingly jittery about Wall Street's ability to continue to defy gravity, particularly if President Clinton comes to grief.

MARKET REPORT



August is notorious as an uneventful month for equities. And, at the moment, there seems little chance of any investment enthusiasm breaking out to make this August an exception,

Footsie, despite its recent decline, remains a significant 677.4 above its year's opening and is still riding at a level well above many of the forecasts made at the start of

Still there are growing fears that blue chips have already seen their best levels of 1998 and will not

make much, if any, further headway in the remainder of the year.

Smiths' 8.3 per cent gain was followed by Pearson, reflecting figures, up 80p to 1,200p. BSkyB, the satellite television station, ended little changed at 436.5p after Pearson let it be known its indirect 4 per cent shareholding, worth some £300m, is likely to be sold in the next six months

Compass boiled up 33p to 665p with bid stories for once in the background. A Ministry of Defence contract, which could produce £500m in turnover in the next seven years, was behind the contract caterer's

GKN also benefited from an MoD order. The shares put on 18p to 753p after a joint venture with Boeing won a £650m 30-year helicopter training contract. Lasmo stood out in a flat oil sec-

tor, adding 6p to 216.5p in brisk trading as takeover speculation returned.

Banks were mostly down in the dumps. HSBC's results left its shares 33p off at 1,490p and sell advice from Credit Lyonnais had Woolwich floundering 18p off at cats" row intensified over its bonus shareholder Bell Atlantic planned

There was an outbreak of excitement in second-line chemicals. Takeover hopes lifted Albright & Wilson 12p to 133.5p and Inspec 24p to 243p. Both shares have had a torrid time. Chemical group Zotefoams underlined the problems facing the industry with a trading warning which hit the shares 59p to 152.5p.

Car dealers, despite the apparent August sales boom, were on a dead-end road. A profit warning from Perry did the latest damage. It said growth had skidded to a half, prompting the shares to reverse 24.5p to 161p.
Parkland, a textile group, was

another ruffled by trading caution. falling 10p to 30p.

Ionica, the fledgling telephone

group, produced unexciting figures but more importantly said it had yet to find an investor willing to pump cash into the group. It currently has around £80m in the bank. The shares, floated at 390p, fell 16.5p to 26.5p.

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to "mortgage" its stake by offering \$3bn notes exchangeable into the C&W shares.

A possible takeover bid lifted TLG, the old Thorn Lighting, 25.5p to 135.5p and reports that multi-millionaire Trevor Hemmings may pounced on under-performing Burden Leisure (Bolton Wanderers) produced a 2.5p gain to 22p. Radius, the computer group, firmed 2p to 60.5p as Torex, down

change offer. Insurance broker Willis Corroon improved 7p to 207.5p on reports of a counter-bid. The US group Aon is said to be pondering the possibility of challenging the agreed £850m offer from Kohlberg Kravis and Roberts, the break-up

15.5p to 136p, made a share ex-

specialists. Matthew Clark, the cider maker, was sliced 4p to 177.5p as Merrill Lynch took a cautious stance. It sees profits falling from £32.1m to

£28.8m this year.

Cable & Wireless Communi- SEAQ VOLUME: 648.7m

PETRA DIAMONDS, run by Adonis Pouroulis, put on 4.5p to 139p following an encouraging drilling report on its Alto Cuilo prospect in Angola. The company could, some believe. be on the brink of a major development. Another statement on the Angolan exploration could be made

GEO INTERACTIVE Media rallied a modest 6p to 68.5p. The shares crashed 52.5p to 62.5p on Friday after a shock trading warning. Earlier this year they almost touched 200p.

within the next two weeks.

ARRIVA, the transport group. advanced 15.5p to 401.5p as stockbroker Albert E Sharp put a break-up value of 450p on the shares and said buy. Profits could be £95m against £100.2m, it said.

ON OFEX Welsh Gold almost halved to 11.5p after admitting there was a "fundamental uncertainty" in its recently published accounts.

HSBC should weather the Far East storm

IT'S NOT so much the Asian flu that HSBC shares have caught, it's more like a nasty bout of Far Eastern pneu-

Since the Asian crisis blew up last September, shares in the banking giant - owner o Midland Bank, among other - have underperformed the market by around 35 per cent

Things weren't looking much brighter yesterday when the stock dipped 33p fol lowing weaker-than-expected first-half figures.

HSBC, which reports in US dollars, made \$3.69bi (£2,23bn) before tax in the six months to June, down from \$4,29bn (£2,62bn) in the same period last year, a drop of 14 Asia put a serious hole in

the numbers. Total provisions for bad and doubtful debts almost quadrupled to \$1.15br (£694m) – around 80 per cent of this related to Hong Kong and the Asian Pacific Region Attributable profits tum

bled at all principal Asian sub sidiaries, and analysts expecthe financial crisis to dominate over the short to medium

of panic at the banking group. HSBC has reduced its exposure to the more risky areas of Asia, and has taken a conservative stance when calculating provisions.

It has more experience in the region than virtually any other global bank, and it has the media group. Now investors an incredibly diverse portfolio - the bulk of which turned in a solid performance in the Times to Baywatch group,

HSBC also has a healthy balance sheet - its tier one capital now stands at \$29bn. In short, the group looks wellplaced to weather the Asian

HSBC shares closed yesterday at 1490p, putting it on a 1999 p/c ratio of just 11. But 30 per cent at £91.8m on sales investors beware - the stock is very sensitive to Asian news flow, and short-term gyrations are almost inevitable. Good value, but one for long-term in-

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INVESTMENT

EDITED BY PETER THAL LARSEN HSBC HOLDINGS: AT A GLANCE

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Operating income (£bn)	8.50	9.5		11.36	5.4	-	6.0
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There is no sign, however, Prospects rosy for Pearson

MARKETS HAVE short memories. A little under two years ago Pearson shares fell on news that Marjorie Scardino was to take over as chief executive of will happily take her at her word. Shares in the Financial which have already risen by almost two-thirds during Ms Scardino's 19-month tenure added 76p to close at 1196p yesterday as Pearson outlined a

rosy future. Strong first-half results. which showed operating profits from continuing operations up ahead by 5 per cent at £945m, were partly behind the rise. Operating profits at the FT rose 17 per cent as its £100m push into overseas markets lifted circulation. And Pearson Television, profits 49 per cent. Yet investors are also willing

to take a fair amount on trust. Penguin had a weak first half but summer releases from the bestselling thriller writers Patricia Cornwell and Tom Clancy should make up the shortfall. Although the educational publishing arm made its usual first-half loss, analysts are upbeat about the acquisition of Simon & Schuster's education publishing business - which US regulators are still poring over

The sale of Madame Tussauds will largely complete Pearson's disposal programme and bring its debt back down to normal levels. Although the group is tracking PolyGram's film division – and would probably be prepared to issue shares to fund the deal - Pearson is more likely to stick to developing its existing businesses.

Barring a severe economic downturn, which would hit advertising sales, prospects look hold.

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good. But with the shares trading on a multiple of 28 times stockbroker Henderson Crosthwaite's full-year profit forecast, most of the good news is in the price. A firm hold.

IT explosion **boosts Spring**

FOR THE past five years, Spring Group has been growing single-mindedly. Since 1993, the recruitment specialist, which changed its name from CRT earlier this year, has increased its turnover and profits almost fivefold thanks to a string of aggressive acquisitions and a booming market.

Last year pre-tax profits boosted by eight bolt-on buys rose 50 per cent to £18.1m while turnover was up 46 per cent to £279m. Most of this growth was due to the explosion in demand for IT engineers, with profits in the division more than double last year's levels.

Spring maintains that just a fraction of the increase was due to the millennium bug and the introduction of the euro - two of the usual suspects for the IT recruitment boom. Instead, the group insists that most of the advance was due to firms moving towards more sophisticated IT systems.

However, this is partly a knock-on effect of the millennium bug, and it is worth asking whether Spring's TT recruitment will hold up after the year 2000. Even though the group reck-

ons demand will remain strong. a slowdown from the present heady growth rates is almost certain and vesterday's 16p fall in the share price to 343.5p reflects the market's worries about the end of the bonanza.

However, Spring is not just dependent on IT. The group plans to expand its educational and general recruitment side through acquisitions. Provided that it does not overpay, this should give it a more balanced business mix. At 27 times 1999 forecast earnings of around £28m, the shares are a strong

for £70m cash

THE BREWING to leisure group, Bass, has announced the sale of its electronic entertainment business, BLMS, to Leisure Link Group for £70m in cash. BLMS is the UK's largest supplier of electronic entertainment equipment, including Amusement with Prizes (AWPs), video games, pool tables and music

Glaxo ends pact GLAXO WELLCOME and

Warner-Lambert, the US drug group, yesterday terminated a joint venture for the over-the-counter marketing of the UK company's anti-ulcer drug, Zantac. Under the terms of the new agreement, Glaxo will market Zantac in every country outside the US and Canada, where Warner-Lambert will retain the existing marketing rights.

Cortecs contract

CORTECS, the biotechnology group, yesterday signed a deal with the Spanish drug group, Ferrer, for the distribution of its osteoporosis treatment Macritonin in Latin America The companies expect sales of around \$20m (£12.3m) for the drug in the region in the five years after registration.

Parkland gloom

SHARES in Parkland, the consumer and industrial textile group, fell 10p to 30p yesterday after a gloomy results statement was accompanied by news of the proposed disposal of Autofil its automotive textiles business - and its Sherwood Park dyehouse for £13.7m.

Croda expands

CRODA INTERNATIONAL has bought the Westbrook business and certain assets of Illingworth Morris for £10.6m cash, the chemicals group said. Bradford-based Westbrook makes and sells lanolin and its derivatives. primarily for the healthcare market. In the year to 31 March the business made operating profits of £1m and had net assets of 22m.

Banking on the Edinburgh fringe

AS EDINBURGH prepares for its annual festival, the city's one home-grown merchant bank, Noble Grossart, has made two promotions. Craig Armour and Sally Grossart have been appointed executive directors of the bank's corporate finance department.

In fact the bank, founded by Sir Angus Grossart in 1969, still largely sticks to providing corporate advice, eschewing other activities like fund management, says Sir Angus.

And as her name suggests, Sally Grossart, 34, is related to Sir Angus, 61, being her niece. So is the 22-strong workforce stuffed with family members? "No, she's the only one," Sir Angus assures me. "Her brother Hamish was trained here, but he went off to be a company doctor." Hamish Grossart's chairmanships have included Royal Doulton and Scottish Highland Hotels,

Sir Angus adds proudly. As for Sir Angus himself, he originally trained as an advocate, the Scottish equivalent of a barrister, and was a pupil of Lord Mackay of Clashfern. no less. After seven years at the bar, during which he picked up an accountancy qualification "en route", Sir Angus decided to found his own merchant bank, since there weren't any other

Scottish ones about, he says. Since then his corporate activities have multiplied, and he currently sits on the boards of Royal Bank of Scotland, the Scottish Investment Trust and Mirror Group, among others. "I plan to die of exhaustion, but not of boredom," he

THE CHANNEL Islands Stock in the 1970s.

Exchange (CISX) has appointed Tamara (Tammy) Menteshvili as chief executive. Don't worry if you haven't hear of the CISX - it's only set

have enough rivals already, what with Paris and the rest. Ms Menteshvili was formerly the deputy director of invest-Financial Services Commis-

PEOPLE AND Business

BY JOHN WILLCOCK



ROGER ELMHIRST, chairman of Zotefoams, had a novel reason for his company's slowdown in profits this year. Apart from the usual culprits like the strong pound, the Croydonbased plastic foam-maker also blamed "a slowdown in supply to the three-dimensional jigsaw puzzle manufacturers ...

It transpires that Zotefoams supplies toy manufacturers like Hasbro, the American giant, with the foam which goes inside such three dimensional ligsaw ouzzles as a four-foot high Big Ben, a monstrous Notre Dame and a replica of Harrison Ford's spaceship from Star Wars, the "Millennium Falcon".

sion, and before that she worked for the old British investment regulator Imro. She originally gained her commercial experience with Merrill Lynch in London and New York

EXETER INVESTMENT Group has received the resignation of Jonathan Custance Baker, its group managing director, "due to open later this year. As if the to a difference of opinion over London Stock Exchange didn't the group's future strategy", the

company says intriguingly.

Exeter said a suitable resoon as possible and in the moted to the board of the bank: ment business at the Guernsey meantime Ian Henderson will continue as chief executive.

MICROGEN HOLDINGS, a computer data handling company, has named Martyn Ratcliffe as executive chairman to succeed Douglas Lee, who is resigning as a director after 25 years.

Mr Ratcliffe exercised his option to acquire 1 million shares in Microgen last Friday, raising his holding to 4.9 million shares, around a tenth of the company's market capital. Microgen announced a raft of

other management changes vesterday. Group finance director Mike Phillips has joined the board, while David Herridge and Gerry Liddle have resigned from the board but remain with Microgen as senior managers of the operating companies and members of the senior management team. Andrew Goodman has been appointed as a non-executive director.

KEITH CARBY has been appointed non-executive director of Ambient Media Corporation a marketing company which came up with the idea of advertising on the back of cash machine slips. Ambient floated on AIM in May and is chaired by Vincent Isaacs, the man who set up General Portfolio, an insurance group which he sold in 1989 for £289m.

Mr Carby joins other non-execs at Ambient including Lionel Ross, former group finance director of Whitbread, and Ronald Jacobson, founder of stockbroker Jacobson Townsley. The board also includes Bill Stuttaford, former Takeover Panel boss and grand old man of the unit trust industry.

NM ROTHSCHILD has been handing out some promotions after a successful spell in corporate finance. Warner Mandel who worked on the team advising BT on the joint venture with AT&T, is one of six promoted to the board of NM Rothschild Corporate Finance. The others are Jeremy Boardman, Roger Ewart Smith, David Forbes, Avi Goldberg and Stephen Vaughplacement will be identified as an. A trio have also been pro-Christopher Coleman, Stephen Louis and Jervis Rhodes.

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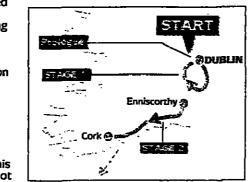


11 July, Prologue The Tour begins in Dublin three days after a masseur for the Festina team, Willy Voet, is stopped at the France-Belgium border. His car is found to contain more than 400 doping products, including EPO, a drug that increases oxygen in red blood cells. Voet claims they are for personal use. Britain's Chris Boardman (left) wins the first yellow jersey by winning the prolonger time trial. the prologue time trial.

Festina call in a lawyer after Voet is charged with possession of banned substances.

Boardman crashes out of the Tour after suffering facial injuries and a broken wrist in a fall,

Festina formally deny any wrongdoing after Voet changes his story and admits the doping products were for team use, not



Riders delay the race by two hours with a sit-down protest (right) at police investigations. It is reported that customs officers have found banned products during a search of TVM vehicles and hotel rooms. TVM's director, Cees Priem, and doctor, Alexander Mikhailov, are jailed and placed under formal investigation. Three Festina riders confess to using banned substances.

25 July, Stage 13
A UCI official meets riders and agrees to a summit meeting of leading officials, team riders and managers to discuss the drugs issue.

Alex Zulle, one of Festina's leading riders, says that pressure from sponsors led to his taking EPO.

27 July, Stage 15 Racing for once takes centre stage as Marco Pantani (below) takes the yellow jersey with a memorable victory at Les



The Festina director, Bruno Roussel (below), and team doctor, Erik Ryckaert, are detained and questioned by police. The Tour director says there is no reason to 16 July, Stage 5 Cycling's governing body, the International Cycling Union (UCI), suspends Roussel for failing to submit a report on the drugs affair within 24

17 July, Stage 6 Roussel admits he systematically supplied illegal drugs to the Festina team to improve performances under strict medical control. Roussel and Ryckaert are placed under formal investigation and detained. The Tour expels the Festina team.

18 July, Stage 7 Richard Virenque, the Festina team leader, and his fellow riders fail in a last-minute plea to be allowed

In a joint statement, doctors working with the 20 remaining teams insist that 'the prime consideration of the doctor has always been the health of the riders'.

20 July, Stage 9

The Dutch TVM team are warned that they will be expelled if their riders are found to have taken drugs. It is reported that in March French customs officials found 104 syringes primed with EPO in a TVM car driven by mechanics towards the Belgian border.

Ryckaert's lawyer says the Festina team operated a system under which riders

were obliged to pay part of their win bonuses into a fund to buy banned ubstances. Casino's Rodolfo Massi (left) wins the first mountain stage in the Pyrenees.

22 July, Stage 11 Boardman blames the amount of money in cycling for the drugs crisis. There's so much more money involved - and the temptations

Nine Festina riders are held for questioning by police in Lyons. TVM's team director and doctor are detained and questioned in Pamiers in the Pyrenees,

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a m. and complain of being treated like animals. Four teams ONCE, Banesto, Riso Scotti and Vitalcio - pull out and the remaining riders stop the stage to Aixles-Bains twice to protest at the treatment of TVM. They ride the course but refuse to race and the stage is

29 July, Stage 17 TVM riders taken to

hospital the evening before are released at 2

annulled. Casino and ONCE hotel rooms are raided and officials are taken away for questioning.

28 July, Stage 16
Police raid the TVM team hotel in Albertville. Four riders are taken to a hospital and given lengthy medical tests, including the taking of blood, urine and hair samples. TVM's director and team doctor are charged with breaking Customs law, public health regulations and helping others use substances that enhance physical performance. Richard Virenque. Festina's lead rider, continues to protest his innocence.

30 July, Stage 18 Massi, who was the leading mountain climber, is detained by police for questioning and is prevented from racing. The ONCE team doctor, Nicolas Terrados, is also detained. Kelme, the final Spanish team left in the race, pull out, along with some individuals, including the former world champion Luc Leblanc.

31 July, Stage 19 Massi and Terrados are placed under formal investigation. The remaining riders of the TVM team drop out. There are 14 teams left from the original 21 and fewer than 100 riders from the original

1 August, Stage 20

Jan Ullrich wins the penultimate stage but is unable to make up enough time on Pantani, the leader.

2 August, Stage 21
The Tour ends in Paris. Pantani, the winner, claims he may have won "the cleanest Tour" as a result of the police investigations.

3 August A TVM masseur is jailed and 14 of the team's riders and officials. including Sergei Ivanov (right) are questioned by police.



What now for Tour drug pedlars?

sponsors, officials, and fans have de-

In Lille, at the hub of the drugs investigation, prosecutors are preparing "a battle plan", and the bate a new, tougher law against dop-Marie-George Buffet, is calling for heavier custodial sentences after the detention of three team doctors, two team managers, two masseurs, and one rider following police operations during the Tour.

If nothing else the scandal has spurred action throughout sport with the International Olympic Committee meeting on 20 August, and a November get-together of riders, managers, and top officials to search for a formula for a "clean" sport.

Cycling's governing body, the Union Cycliste Internationale, has, over some 30 years, punished riders caught by doping controls. They never went for the suppliers and those who administered the drugs.

Yet since 1989 it has been a criminal offence under French law to "in- es given, to whom, and the amount

AFTER ITS blackest three weeks, the Tour de France is over. The riders, penalties will mean five years and a 500,000 French francs (£51,000) fine parted, but French justice will not for the purveyor, and seven years plus a fine of a million francs for in-

citing the use of drugs. Only France has this law and the Tour and its teams felt the force of French National Assembly will de- it when the Festina team's Belgian masseur, Willy Voet, was arrested ing in sport. The sports minister, and charged with smuggling doping products into France almost a

month ago. Prosecutors in Lille plan to in-

The most controversial Tour de France ever staged might be over, but the repercussions will rage on. By Robin Nicholl

from other teams, plus those in high 85th edition of France's most imporpositions in cycling. "We want to have tant annual event reached Paris. francs of the Tour's budget of 250m. enough elements to prove that the The Tour is big business, rating third world of cycling knew what was in size and prestige behind the World going on," a justice source said. Cup and the Olympic Games. It adding that they were not short of of-fers of potentially useful information. works with high profile companies such as Fiat and Coca-Cola, who, Fears that the Tour could not sur- along with the French bank Credit Ly-

terview more riders and managers vive the scandal subsided as the onnais and Champion supermarkets, provided between 17m and 20m

There has already been a flicker of doubt about the sport's image with the cancellation of the first bigmoney après-Tour race. A source at one sponsor said: "It is much too early to appreciate the consequences, but

there is anxiety about the notoriety that has come to the Tour. We do not want to make hasty judgements but we are very attentive about how the problems will be controlled."

Nicolas Chaine, the communications director of Credit Lyonnais, told the French newspaper Le Monde: "I am not being hypocritical but it is obvious no one can race day after day on mineral water and salad. The substances used by the riders need to be identified. The Tour is solid but it needs appropriate controls."

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He has an offer of a million francs a month for three years, but at the back end of the field 10,000 francs a month is a common wage. He suggested that if riders were willing to take drugs "they find themselves among the best, winning tains and who won the stage into Lu-

The attitude of team sponsors

could affect how often they race in

France. The speed with which four

Spanish teams on the Tour fled over

the border, and the decision by rid-

ers with the Dutch team TVM could

hint at an answer to that question.

had won "the cleanest Tour" be-

cause police raids had made it so.

Marco Pantani claimed that he

much money, and enhancing their sponsor's image. Those who don't find their performances lagging along with their salaries. They are almost condemned to take the drug."

That is the philosophy of many in the sport. If the French justice system can crack down, then those who control cycling should toughen up too. They could start by overhauling the crowded racing calendar which runs from February to October, and the points-ranking system which governs entry into the Tour and can detertained at Chambery and transferred mine a rider's salary. That can tempt to Lille for questioning. Still held. a weary rider to turn to artificial aids.

THE MEN UNDER INVESTIGATION

at Lille, the centre of the investiga-

tion. His lawyer Arsène Rijckaert (no relation) claimed that Rijckaert had

said that the team had a "slush" fund

for the purchase of drugs, into

which riders had to contribute.

WILLY VOET

a masseur by the Festina team. Detained after customs search at Neuville-en-Ferrain discovered 400 vials and capsules of doping products in the team ca: he was driving, three days before the Tour began in Dublin on 11 July. Charged with smuggling drugs over the Belgian-French frontier. Changed original story that the products were for his personal use. Claimed he was working to orders. Kept records of doscite, facilitate, use, or administer owing, Detained in Loos prison.

BRUNO ROUSSEL A 53-year-old Belgian, employed as French team director of the world

> ERIC RIJCKAERT Festina team doctor is still detained

> after he and Roussel were questioned

No 1 ranked team, Festina, Taken for questioning, along with team doctor Eric Rijckaert, at Cholet a week after Voet's arrest. Roussel confessed that the banned products were used by his riders but "under medical supervision." Thirteen days later Roussel was freed but, with Rijckaert, faces charges of inciting the use of doping products.

The manager of Dutch team TVM, was taken for questioning on 23 July after case was reopened concerning a customs stop-and-search in March when 104 vials of erythropoletin (EPO) were found in a TVM car on the motorway near Reims. Still in custody charged with drug

Russian team doctor of TVM, is also still detained after products found in his room during a police raid were taken for testing.

ANDRE! MIKHAILOV

JAN MOORS TVM masseur, transferred to Reims for questioning yesterday by judge Odile Madrolle, who is in charge of the investigation into the March dis-

covery of drugs. RODOLFO MASSI Italian rider with the Casino team, who

was leading the King of the Moun-

fering drugs. Still in custody. NICOLAS TERRADOS Doctor of the ONCE team - which includes the world No 1 ranked rider Laurent Jalabert, of France. De-

Hill strengthens his bargaining position

MOTOR RACING

BY DERICK ALLSOP at Hockenheim

back races completed, time now for some serious negotiations and no that some wages are again escalatone will relish the opportunity more than Damon Hill

under pressure to prove his worth vers are itching for the chance to to Jordan, responded here on Sunday with fourth place in the German Grand Prix. delivering his first ing as one of the better cars. points to the team.

Hill reports for his next racing duty plight. The 23-year-old Schumacher in Hungary on Thursday week, he hopes to have a new contract in points at Silverstone and Zeltweg. place for 1999.

state of play with Hill, making optimistic noises about an agreement they do not wish to pay him anoth-THE HECTIC schedule of back-to- er £5m. What is more, there is a feeling among Formula One's hierarchy

ing out of control. Hill, at 37, is the sport's senior cit-Britain's former world champion. izen. Younger, less experienced dridemonstrate their ability in better cars, and the Jordan is now emerg-

The form of Ralf Schumacher, his His manager says that by the time team-mate, has compounded Hill's put the team on the scoreboard with and outpaced his partner in quali-

by an ambitious but misguided two-stop strategy in the race, while Hill yet scarcely camouflaging the face picked up the team's standard and gleefully frustrated his old adversary Michael Schumacher in the process.

Hill has been tormented by bouts of self-doubt this season and would consider retiring gracefully rather than expose himself to the prospect of humiliation. But Sunday's composed performance will have bolstered his belief, revived his enthusiasm and perhaps made others reconsider his value.

His option to stay at Jordan has lapsed, leaving the team to decide if they wish to exercise theirs. They understand they do not have to pay him the same retainer next year and patently would prefer not to. They ner-up here to his team-mate, Mika and says: "That was three weeks ago."

Jordan have been cov about the fying here. However, he was undone want to invest more of their money in technical development, which they claim is to the long-term advantage of team and driver alike.

Ultimately, the buck could pass to the team's sponsors. If they feel Hill -who has been linked with Williams and the new British American Racing team - is a necessary ingredient of their marketing strategy, then they may offer to foot the extra bill.

With Ralf Schumacher's management intent on exploring options elsewhere, notably at Williams and Sauber, uncertainties appear to hang over both Jordan's drivers. But the team owner, Eddie Jordan, said: "We won't lose both our drivers. That definitely will not happen."

Hakkinen, the championship leader, has been confirmed at McLaren-Mercedes for next season and Eddie Irvine has again committed himself to Ferrari, Johnny Herbert is endeavouring to safeguard the United Kingdom's quota of Formula One drivers.

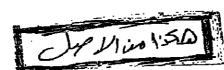
He has been knocking on doors at Williams and Stewart-Ford with greater intensity since his fall-out with Sauber and his team-mate, Jean Alesi, in the British Grand Prix at Silverstone.

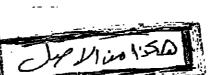
Sauber maintain Herbert could stay next year and so does Alesi, who already has a contract. But what about the French-Sicilian's ultimatum: "It's him or me next year"? The mer-Now that David Coulthard, run- curial Alesi shrugs his shoulders

meet the head of Formula One, Bernie Ecclestone, on 19 August to discuss plans for a South African Grand Prix next year. Last week, the South African cabinet approved legislation that would outlaw all tobacco sponsorship as well as smoking in public places. The draft law will come before parliament later this year.

Ecclestone has been known to award races to countries where tobacco advertising is banned, but usually demands greater financial guarantees from the governments involved. South Africa is one of 17 countries that have lodged guarantees for the existing 16 dates on the Formula One calendar. The last grand prix staged in the country, at Kyalami near Johannesburg, was in 1993. Hill: Sponsors may foot bill







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*Speight displays sleight of hand

By DAVID LLEWELLYN at Portsmouth

Durham 203 & 332-9 Hampshire 396 Maich drawn

SO THE stigma stays with Hampshire. They remain the only first-class side never to have beaten Durham in the County Championship, and must remain so for another year. The weather set in early yesterday and although there was a window of brighter stuff the view through it was not exactly beartening for Hampshire fans. All they could see was Durham's last-wicket pair of Martin Speight and Steven Lugsden carrying the game further from Hampshire's grasp.

at the way the game ended. In five of the six previous meetings between these two sides the weather has robbed them of runs short of his hundred. large chunks of play. In a way athe rain brought a mercifully premature end to proceedings. Hampshire did not look remotely like getting out either

No one should be surprised

They had begun the day three hours late at 2pm, needing to take one wicket. Durham had a precarious 95-run advantage, which should have presented no problem for the Hampshire batsmen to knock off, rain or no rain.

Lugsden, the tail-ender, was playing his first match since May 1997 and the feeling from the sidelines was that a straight ball of fuller length would be enough to end his resistance. Instead he was peppered with short deliveries, most notably by Nixon McLean, Hampshire's West Indies Test fast he faced.

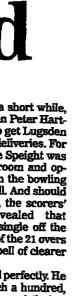
bowler, and, for a short while, Alex Morris. Even Peter Hartley was unable to get Lugsden to play at some deliveries. For much of the time Speight was given plenty of room and opportunity to farm the bowling out, almost at will. And should that be doubted, the scorers' book later revealed that Speight stole a single off the fourth ball of 14 of the 21 overs bowled in that spell of clearer weather

Speight batted perfectly. He deserved to reach a hundred and must have been quietly desperate to do so, because his pre vious century was scored in August 1996 when he was still at Sussex. Although he had opportunities to go for runs during the 78 minutes the pair were digging in, he selfle put the team before himself and was eventually left stranded by the rain a tantalising three

It was still his highest score for Durham, whom he joined in 1997, his previous best being the 73 not out he made in June last year against Kent. This innings given the pressure that Speight was under, will have gone a long way to restoring him to something like the form he was in before he was struck down by a viral complaint while still with

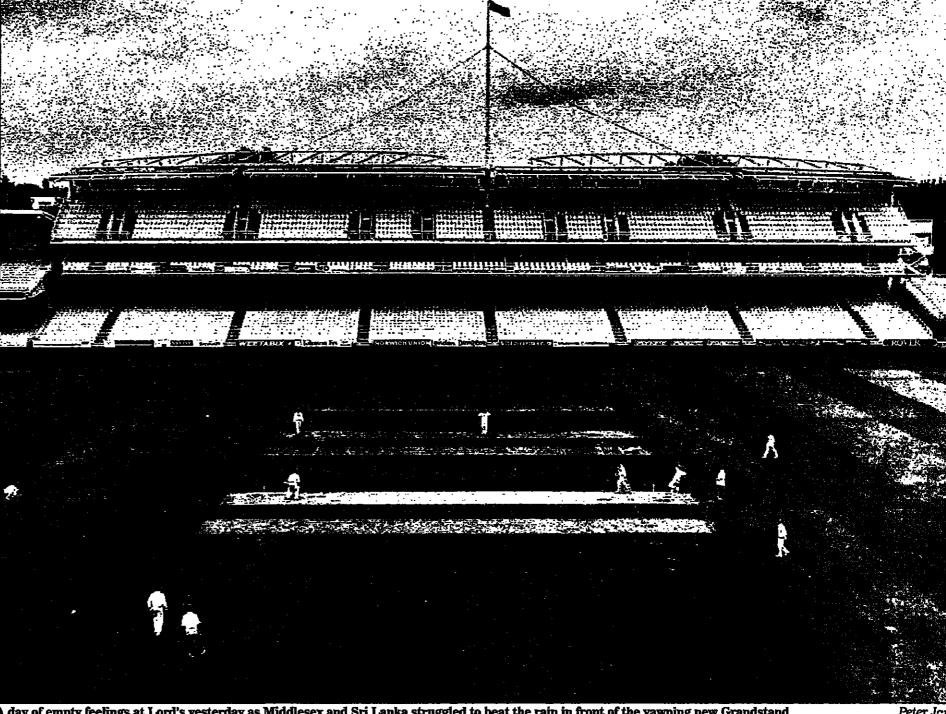
ting big scores against Hampshire. He had twice before made hundreds against them, one at Portsmouth and the other at Hove.

Yesterday's effort was herototal of 10 fours in the 140 balls



He has made a habit of hit-

ic. He had spent almost three hours at the crease, hitting two sixes (on Saturday) and a



A day of empty feelings at Lord's yesterday as Middlesex and Sri Lanka struggled to beat the rain in front of the yawning new Grandstand

Weekes stands firm to earn draw

Middlesex 313 and 231-7 Sri Lanka 424 Match drawn

PAUL WEEKES' defiance earned Middlesex a draw against Sri Lanka on a rain-ruined final day of the Vodafone Challenge match at Lord's yesterday.

Rain and bad light reduced the action to 41 overs and

an hour of the match remain-

Weekes produced the shot of a frustrating day when he square drove Chandika Hathurusinghe for four. But he denied himself a merited half century when he lofted the same bowler into Kumara Dharmasena's hands at square leg.

Weekes' 127-ball innings and Weekes' 49 led to the captains a couple of dropped catches agreeing a draw with just under spared Middlesex probable de-

feat. The captain, Keith Brown, had been missed by wicketkeeper Romesh Kaluwitharana with the score at 212 for 7, and Chris Batt was dropped by the captain, Sanath Jayasuriya, at

second slip with two runs If both opportunities had been snapped up Middlesex would have faced a fight to save the game with Sri Lanka chasing a victory target of just sult were always minimal.

over 100 in the final hour. On both occasions the unfortunate bowler was Hathurusinghe. who deserved better figures than his 2 for 62 from 22 overs. A halt was finally called with

Middlesex 231 for 7, Brown finshing unbeaten on 40 and Batt 18 not out. late and delays after lunch and

Play had begun 50 minutes tea meant the prospects of a re-

Middlesex, resuming 12 At 201, Keith Dutch played ahead at 123 for 3, lost the nightwatchman Richard Johnson for four when his off stump was removed by Suresh Perera without addition to the overnight score.

Justin Langer fell victim to a brilliant tumbling Kaluwitharana catch off Ravindra Pushpakumara, who finished with an impressive 3 for 52 off 18

on, trying to cut a ball of too full a length from Hathurusinghe. leaving Brown and Batt to deny the Sri Lankans with an unbroken eighth-wicket partrership which was eventually

Middlesex claimed the man of the match award, the opener David Goodenild winning the vote for his first-innings

"Gough raises Yorkshire's title hopes Referee to decide Donald's fate

Yorkshire 455-9dec Worcestershire 201 & 94 Yorkshire win by an innings and 160 runs

YORKSHIRE STEPPED up their Championship challenge when an impressive spell by Darren Gough put them on the way to victory by an innings and 160 runs against Worcestershire at wet and windy New Road.

The England fast bowler prepared for his home Test match at Headingley on Thursday by taking 3 for 8 in 15 balls on his way to a season's best re-

Worcestershire, outplayed throughout, scorned the help of the weather by surrendering for 94 despite stubborn resistance by the nightwatchman nearly two and a half hours to make 24. The morning session was washed out and when they resumed at 19 for 2 Gough sparked a collapse to 40 for 5, and his pace partner, Gavin Hamilton, finished the job with 4 for 17 for match figures of 7 for 37.

A fourth win of the season gave Yorkshire a share of third

points behind the leaders Surrey, and raised hopes of a first title in 30 years. Their captain, David Byas, said: "We have when Graeme Hick, still seven now got a break during the Test Stuart Lampitt, who batted for match and we have put ourselves in an ideal position in the Championship race. We have a game in hand and Surrey have yet to come to Headingley." Although Yorkshire theoret-

ically had 15.1 overs to spare at the end, they only just beat the return of rain. After losing 73 wait nearly three hours before tralian, Darren Lehmann, be-

the last eight wickets. Gough answered the call by

making the vital breakthrough runs shorts of 1,000 for the summer played a poor shot and was caught at backward point by James Middlebrook for 12. He struck again four balls later when Richard Blakey held a Solanki at the second attempt.

Worcestershire's captain, Tom Moody, fell to a nonchalant overs on Saturday, they had to slip catch by his fellow Aus-

turn of 5 for 36 in 11.5 overs. place with Gloucestershire, 42 continuing their bid to capture fore David Leatherdale held up his native county with 30 in a stand of 40 with Lampitt, but Hamilton brought Yorkshire back into contention by taking 3 for 1 in 12 deliveries.

Leatherdale, lbw, and Steve Rhodes, another victim for Blakey, went in successive balls, and Richard Illingworth steered a catch to Middlebrook chance behind from Vikram in the gully. Richard Stemp ended Lampitt's defiance with Blakey's sixth dismissal of the match and, with rain falling again, Gough returned to remove Phil Newport leg before.

BY MYLES HODGSON

SOUTH AFRICA are waiting to discover whether the International Cricket Council will discipline their fast bowler, Allan Donald, following his criticism of the umpire Mervyn Kitchen's performance during the fourth Test at Trent Bridge.

Donald and the rest of the South African team were known to be aggrieved by a number of decisions made by Kitchen during the match, which England won by eight wickets to level the series at 1-1.

In a radio interview, Donald claimed that Kitchen, who has

admitted considering retirement because of the controversy, made "a few shocking decisions" and looked like "he was struggling". "If you lose your concentration, you're messing with people's careers. One decision in the heat of the moment can swing a game," he added.

But the comments would appear to breach the ICC's code of conduct," the ICC's Code of Conduct, which states: "Players, umpires and team officials shall not make any public pronouncement or media comment which is detrimental either to the game in general or to a particular tour in which they are involved."

made until the ICC discusses the controversy with the match referee, Ahmed Ebrahim of Zimbabwe. This is not expected to happen until he arrives in Leeds later today, ahead of the fifth Test. . "It is a matter for the refer-

No decision is likely to be

ee, as stipulated by the ICC chief executive. David Richards, confirmed. The South African tour man-

ager, SK Reddy, said: "We knew Allan was having an interview but we did not know what he had said, except what we have read in the papers."

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Britannic Assurance Championship

Derbyshire v Kent DERBY (Day 4 of 4): Derbyshire (9pts) drew with Kent KENT - First innings 165 (DeFreitas 5-55, Dean 4-52) DERBYSHIRE - First Innings 260 (Weston 97. Headley 5-KENT - Second lanings Overnight 104-5

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Hampshire v Durham SOUTHAMPTON [Day 4 of 4): Hampshire (11pts) drew with Durham (Spts)

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DURMAN -- First Innings 203 (Morris 4-30) HAMPSKIRE - First landings 396 (Smith 134, Ayrnes 54) DUENAM -- Second lantage Oversight 288-9 (Boon 54.

9-271.

Bowling: N A M McLean 27-4-61-2, A C Morris 19-4-49-0.

P I Harriery 22-7-56-2, 5 D Udal 19-1-80-3, J P Stephenson
14 4-4-36-0, K D James 9-3-17-2, A D Mascarenhas 6-1-17-

Umpires: R Palmet and G Sharp.

Lancashire v Leicestershire GOLD TRAFFORD (Day 4 of 4): Lancashire (6pts) dress

Lucestersning - First lookings 218-7 (Habio 56) Umpires: G ! Burgers and P Wilky. NO PLAY VESTERDAY

Nottinghamshire v Northamptonshire TREMI BRIDGE (Day 4 of 4): Nottinghamshire (11pts)

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Bowling: D E Malcolm 21-2-93-0, F A Rose 24-5-105-0, J P Taylor 30.1-13-62-4, K M Curran 4-1-13-0, J F Brown 14-2-48-0, A L Penberthy 7-2-21-0. D J G Sales 2-0-8-0, R J Bal-

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Vodafone Challenge Series

Middlesex v Srl Lanka

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Umpires: B Leadbeater and P Adams.

NatWest Under-19 One Day International

England v Pakistan

RIVERSIDE (One Day): England beat Pakistan by 4 wick-

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Total (for 8, 28 overs) Pall: 1-66, 2-67, 3-128, 4-144, 5-153, 6-162, 7-163, 8-203. Bowling: S Harmison 4-0-35-0. A Laraman 4-0-46-0. P J Franks 6-2-21-1. G Haywood 5-0-26-2, Z C Morris 6-0-40-4, O A

ENGLAND — First innings Rouns 6s 4s Bis Min S Peters c Imran Nazir b M Irfan.......28 0 3 22 34

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Total (for 6, 27.5 overs) . Patt: 1-38, 2-59, 3-96, 4-132, 5-165, 6-185. Bowling: Kashif Raza 4-0-36-0. Zahid Saeed 4-0-28-0. Muhammed Irfan 5-0-36-2, Bilal Asad 2.5-0-32-0. Shoalb

AXA Life League

Surrey v Sussex THE FOSTER'S OVAL (One Day): Surrey bave scored 143 Sussex won ross

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Total (for 8, 40 overs) ... ___143 Fall: 1-38, 2-44, 3-44, 4-50, 5-69, 6-84, 7-84, 8-128. Did Not Bat: J E Benjamin. Bourling: R J Kirtley 7-0-37-1, R S C Martin-Jenkins 8-3-18-1. M A Robinson 8-2-17-2. A D Edwards 6-0-25-1. K Newell

Umplres: J C Balderstone and R Julian. Warwickshire v Glamorgan

8-0-28-2. C J Adams 3-0-12-0.

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EDGBASTON (One Day): Glasporgan have scored 140 for Worwickshire won ross GLAMORGAN — First lanings

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To Bat: R D B Croft, ti Dawood, S C B Tomlinson, A P Davies, D A Cosker, O T Parkin. Bowling: E 5 H Glddins 6-0-34-0. G Weich 6-0-23-0. T A Munton 8-0-30-1, M A Sheikh 6-0-22-2, N M K Smith 4-0-23-0.

Derbyshire's winning chance ended by rain

ROUND-UP

THE WEATHER had the final word at Derby yesterday, where Derbyshire saw their hopes of a fourth County Championship victory washed away by rain. Kent went into the final day

in a desperate position on 104

for five, only nine runs ahead, but in the end Mark Ealham and Matthew Fleming only had to survive 32 deliveries. No play was possible before lunch, and the scheduled 3pm

five minutes when the fourth

light on the indicator came on

as the umpires walked out. Despite the murky conditions, the ball did little for the Derbyshire seamers in the brief passage of play although Kevin Dean, who took a hattrick on Saturday, had a confident lbw appeal against Ealham turned down.

Ealham drove Dean through mid-off for four and then turned Dominic Cork off his hip to reach 50 in 112 minutes. When the rain returned after 20 minutes play, he was unbeaten on 61 and Kent had extended their lead to 34.

There was further misery for Derbyshire with the news that batsman Adrian Rollins is unlikely to play again this season due to a back injury which has been diagnosed as a degenerative disc problem. The 6ft 5ins opener has been put on a re- Monday.

covery programme of rest and

exercise. Nottinghamshire gained some justification for batting on

in their first innings when the final day of their match against Northamptonshire was washed out at Trent Bridge. Their reluctance to declare on Saturday evening raised a

few eyebrows and ruled out the possibility of a run chase today. But after the umpires, Allan Jones and Vanburn Holder, were forced to abandon the game as start was delayed by a further a draw, the Nottinghamshire manager, Alan Ormrod, said:

"The weather forecast had some

bearing on that decision. "We have been told that there was a serious threat of rain causing major disruption to the final day, and so we felt in the circumstances that it was best to go for maximum batting points rather than declare." Ticket sales for the deciding

fifth Test between England and South Africa at Headingley, which starts on Thursday, have passed the £1m mark Yorkshire have sold over

£200,000 worth of tickets in the last seven days following England's eight-wicket win at Trent Bridge last week which levelled the series at 1-1.

There are still seats available for the first four days of the match, which starts on Thursday, with Sunday tickets guaranteeing free admission on

Hopes high for Skelton's mount

Britain's equestrian success could depend on the latest showjumper to arrive at the Warwickshire yard. By Genevieve Murphy

'It is wonderful to see

your faith justified.

though the ground

was perfect'

David Broome sending a horse to Nick Skelton is the cumbersome new name that comes with a two-word sponsors' prefix. A splendid Irishbred gelding now jumps under the name of Virtual Village Hopes are

Broome does not care for the prefix either - "I try to avoid looking at that bit," he says - but he has accepted the inevitable desire of Skelton's sponsors at Virtual Village for their name to be attached to the horses that he rides in competition. At home in his Warwickshire yard, Skelton abbreviates the name to one easy syllable: Hopes.

The new partnership, which looks set to prove a huge success, will be on the Great Britain team at this week's Kerrygold Dublin Horse Show. Their fortunes in Ireland will, one imagines, be followed ruefully by good to refuse. Ideally, he would like

the slightly built 23-year-old Andrew Davies. who lost the ride to Skelton having partnered the horse throughout last year and during the early part of this season. "Mv heart

goes out to Andrew. I know he's bitterly disappointed," Broome said at Hickstead last month, after Skelton and Hopes are High, then in their first week together, had finished second in the King George V Gold Cup.

Broome had decided on a change also be the ideal age be of jockey because he felt that his the Sydney Olympics. horse needed somebody a little heavier with stronger legs as he began tackling bigger courses. "Andrew's a lovely lad with a great future in the sport. I hope he'll forgive me eventually."

land four years ago. Having called a previous mount Last Resort, because it expressed his feelings at the time, he named the new purchase Hopes are High for similar reasons. He was ridden by Broome in his early contests when he proved to have the great asset of being naturally careful.

Hopes are High also has a wonderful temperament, "He's levelheaded, a real peaceful guy, you couldn't ask for one that's more honest and genuine," Broome said. Skelton, who described him as "uncomplicated" and "a lovely horse to ride", would go along with that

Given the rain that had drenched the Hickstead showground before the event. Broome had been in two still high.

ONE UNFORTUNATE outcome of minds as to whether his horse would run in the big contest. "But when I walked the course, I decided that the ground was unpleasant rather than dangerous, so he took his chance."

Although he confessed to being a nervous onlooker, Broome was delighted with the polished performance of Hopes are High, which left Skelton as runner-up to Robert Smith on Senator Mighty Blue. "It's lovely to see your faith justified - my horse made it look as though the

ground was perfect," Broome said. The Welshman may not, however, be a proud owner too much longer. Part of Broome's livelihood comes from producing young horses and selling them on and (given the ever-increasing demand for talented show jumpers) it will not be that long before he receives an offer for Hopes are High that seems too

> a wealthy entrepreneur to buy the horse for Skelton to continue riding.

My horse made it look as Britain selectors, looking so desperately for good voung horses to replace those who

> have reached their declining years, would be happy with that outcome too. And so would Skelton, who already thinks that Broome's horse could be a contender for this year's World Equestrian Games. He will also be the ideal age by the time of

There is, of course, many a slip between great expectations and their fruition. Shortcomings could be exposed on the lovely green turf of the Dublin showground in the Samsung Nations Cup on Friday, but no Broome bought the horse in Scot- one can doubt that the horse (now a nine-year-old) is ready for such an examination of his talents.

Hopes are High has already jumped in one Nations Cup with Davies, who would have achieved a double clear round with him in Lisbon this year if he had not had the last fence down in the second round. As it was, he still had by far the best score of the British team. which also included Skelton on Giselle.

Broome has always had a penchant for Irish-bred horses and he likes the idea of them going back to jump in their native land. He will be an anxious spectator again when he watches Skelton ride his horses this week, but his hopes are



Nick Skelton on Virtual Village Hopes are High, 'a lovely horse to ride,' he says

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CSF: £236. Jackpot: £7.0000 - part won. Pool of £1,883,77 car-ried forward to Bath today. Placepot: £121,50. Quadpot: £1720. Place 6: £21,86. Place 6: £55,41.

Robert Hallam

.... Dean McKeown 5-2

US success 1500 based on superior putting

THE CAPTAIN of the Great Britain and Ireland team, Ita Butler, attributed her team's defeat to the United States in the Curtis Cup on Sunday to superior skills around the green. The US won the cup for the first time in eight years despite Britain and Ireland winning the final singles session by a point at the Minikahda Club in Minneapolis.

The last time the US took the trophy was at Somerset Hills, and in the intervening years Great Britain and Ireland have won two matches and halved the other. The American captain, Barbara McIntire, said: "This is a great thrill. All of them did so well and I am excited and proud."

Butler, who led her side to the 1996 success at Killarney, said yesterday: "They holed so many putts. That was really the secret.'

Great Britain actually lost the trophy when the 23-year-old Welsh player Becky Morgan was defeated 2 and 1 by Brenda Corrie-Kuehn. She had an opportunity to take the match to the last hole but missed a 10-foot putt. That gave the US the nine and a half points they required to regain the trophy. Earlier on Sunday the British champion, Kim Rostron, had also lost 2 and 1 to Kellee Booth

Booth and Kuehn won all their four matches, joining an elite group of seven players who have enjoyed that record in the competition. They won both their foursomes playing together and took two singles points each. Booth's mother, Jane, also got four out of four in 1974 for the Amer-

But there was a British success story - 19-year-old Rebecca Hudson, the youngest member of the team who was not played in the opening foursomes on Saturday, won her three games, finishing with a 2 and 1 success over Robin Burke.

Another British success was Karen Stupples, who ended her amateur career with a victory, while Elaine Ratcliffe, who is turning professional, halved her final game to give her two and half points during the two days.

Fiona Brown, the Spanish Open amateur champion from Cheshire, won her second match, beating Jo Jo Robertson on the home green having always been in front once she had taken the lead at the opening hole.

Brandie Burton won her second du Maurier Classic with the lowest score in the history of LPGA major championships, holding or for a one-stroke victory over Sweden's Annika Sorenstam in Windsor, Canada, on Sunday.

Burton ended a five-year victory drought with a 72-hole total of 18 under par 270, one stroke better than the score Betsy King recorded at the 1992 LPGA Championship.

Burton's fifth career victory was anything but a certainty. Her threestroke lead was down to one by the 18th hole, and the 1993 winner left her approach shot short of the green. But she chipped to within six feet and rolled in the par putt to claim the £120,000 first prize.

Sorenstam, twice a US Women's Open champion, landed her approach at the 18th to the left of the green and her chip to force a playoff rolled just past the hole.

Burton managed to win despite a final-round 72. Sorenstam shot a two-under 70 to come in at 271, 17 under par.

Henry Paul 'not on Bradford list'

BY DAVE HADFIELD

BRADFORD HAVE denied any intention of signing Henry Paul despite the New Zealand international saying that he expects to leave Wigan and would like to link up with his brother, Robbie. "He is not on our list," insisted the

Bulls' chairman. Chris Caisley, yesterday, although any fans in the country would relish seeing the brothers alongside each other Henry feels his days at Wigan are

numbered following the signing of the Australian Greg Florimo next season and says that a move to Bradford would be his first choice.

The whereabouts of the Paul

brothers, plus Leeds' Richie Black- is refusing to have anything to do KR on Sunday. Widnes are two more, in early October will be one of the main topics of conversation when administrators from the league-playing nations hold "an informal meeting" in Sydney later this month.

New Zealand could call on all three for their Tests against Australia on 9 and 16 October, but their clubs are likely to be involved in the Super League play-offs at the same

As well as that, the game needs to organise an international calendar to replace the one wrecked by the Super League war and its aftermath. The complication is that Super League in this country, in the persons of its chairman, Caisley, and managing director, Maurice Lindsay, lowing his side's 63-4 defeat by Hull not expect any changes.

with re-forming the pre-schism international board that ruled on such matters.

Caisley has turned down an invitation to go to Sydney, but the Rugby League's leading figures, Sir Rodney Walker and Neil Tunnicliffe, are going anyway.

Lindsay is claiming to have support from the South Pacific nations. bankrolled and subsequently dumped by Super League, but the Rugby League said yesterday that its information was that all of them would be attending this month's meeting

The job of the former Kiwi Test captain Graeme West as coach of Widnes is looking precarious fol- future, but the club said that it did

places from the foot of the First Division and the club's directors are expected to discuss the position of the former Wigan coach at a meet-

ing tomorrow night. West has been in charge since May last year, having been sacked after refusing to move upstairs as football manager at Wigan three months earlier

Bradford are playing down spec-ulation that Matthew Elliott is on the way out of the club after he and his side were booed off the field following their latest defeat, by Sheffield. Elliott, who recently signed a new two-year contract, hinted afterwards that he might reconsider his

RACING RESULTS

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Northem Accord, 5-1 Suzz The Agent, 40-1 Busive Star, 20-1 Jubran (4th), 33-1 Charlie Chook,
33-1 Down The Yard (Sth),
10 ram. hd, 2/h, /h, 1/h, rik, (wirmer chestnut colt
by Night Shift out of Age of Elegence, trained by
M Johnston, Middleham, for Miss Bellinda E Lee)
Tota: win 16:30, places 12:50, C150, C160, Dual forecast: £870, CSF: £3635, Troast: £245:59.

3.45: (6) handicar

£18:0. Computer Straight Forecast: £41.01. Tricast: £78.86. Tote Trifecta: £122.80. Non Runners: Carasti-bo, Royal Mark.

l.15: (5i novice stakes, 2yo)

NEWTON ABBOT 2.00: 1. MASTER MILLFIELD (R Durwoody) 3-1; 2. More Bills 12-1; 3. Suga Hawk 9-2 11 ran, 15-8 w Aswasakas (Bill) 2, 1% (R Hodges, Sorna-ton), Tote: 5440; 5200, 5250, 5120, Dual Forecast 53650 Computer Straight Forecast

2.30: 1. LAGUNA BAY (E Humband) 100-30; 2. 2.30: 1. LAGUNA BAY (E Husband) 100-30; 2. Fortysbablous 9-1; 3. Haydoom 25-1 13 rm. 4-7 fav Sombrette (4th). 11. 3. (G McCourt, Warusge). Tota: 0460: 0120. 0220. 0720. Dual Forecast: 02250. 05F: 03300. Winner bought in for 5000 gunreas. 3.00: 1. FORT GALE (S Duració; 7-4; 2. Vio Del Quatro 5-4 sr. 3. Resy Boy 8-1 5 ran. 4. 15 (D Duggan, Red Marley). Tote: 0300: 0140. 015. 0230. CSF: 04/9. 2.30: 1. BAMAPOUR (A P McCoy) 4-5 lav; 2. On My Tose 6-1; 3. Pair of Jacks 9-2. 9 ran. 31/s. 8.

(M Pipe, Wellington). Tota: £180; £140, £130, £110. DF: £540, CSF: £620. 4.00: 1. CASPIAN BELUGA (P Hotey) 11-2; 2. Iristi Dominion 5-2: 3. Mr Sean 2-1 lay, 9 ran. N. ti. (S Kright, Bunton), Toke: 5540; C2-20, £10, £120. Dual Forecast: £3-20. Computer Straight Forecast: £19-38. Tricast: £34-28.

4.30: 1. RUM CUSTOMER (A P McCoy) 7-4 (av; 2. Batanatk 9-2; 3. Limellight 7-1 12 ran. 3, nk. (C Barwell, Tiverton). Tota: 12.60, 51.40, 52.60, 52.30, DF: 55.60 CSF: 58.45, Tricast; 540.32 Placepot: £2090. Quadpot: £100. Place 5: £14.67. Place 5: £4.51

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6.20: 1. WELSH MOUNTAIN (P Fitzimons) 11-1: 2. Get A Life 16-1: 3. Reseed 4.1 fav. 12 ran. rk. 1/4. (K Morgan) Toter \$12.20; \$3.30, \$2.30, \$2.70 DF: \$100.80. CSF: \$183.34. Tricast: \$766.88. 6.50: 1. OPEN SECRET (M Roberts) 2-5 fav;

Alao: 13-2 Alpha (6th), 13-2 Lady Boser (5th), 12-1 Bodieri Street (6th). 2. Golden Biff 14-1; 3. Time And Agein 50-1. 7 ran. 2, 3%. (A Stewart). Total: \$1.30; \$1.30, \$4.40. 0F: £590. CSF-£751.

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6.05: 1. PREMIER LEAGUE (Mr V Lukeriuk) 5 1: 2. Koraloone 3-1: 3. Dauphin 9-4 tav. 11 ran. 14. 5. (K Currungham-Brown). Totes 15:20; £130, £190, £190, £190, £191. English Trosst. £4155 NR: Flying Eagle. After a stewards' inquiry the re-

suff stood. 6.35: 1. DAINTREE (J Reid) 5-1; 2. Scathebury 7-2 tav: 3. Poloration Prince 7-1, 15 nan. 4., 15. (H Colingridge), Tota: 2540; 2160, 2150, 2270 DF: 2780, CSF: E2479 Tricast: 272261, Non Punner; V I P Char-

■ The in-form team of trainer Dermot Weld and jockey Michael Kinane delighted favourite backers at Leopardstown yesterday with a treble highlighted by an impressive debut from Anthem of Love. A 50th winner of the current campaign for Weld, Anthem of Love started favourite for the Guinness Maiden in the absence of Aidan O'Brien's well-touted juvenile Stravinsky who was taken out because of a bruised foot. Anthem of Love headed the revised market and, despite losing a little ground at the start, proved an impressive winner, without Kinane having to resort to the whip. She was produced with a perfectly timed challenge by Kinane on the outside just as Stravinsky's stable companion Velazquez appeared likely to open his account at the second time of asking. "She. will represent us strongly for her owner-breeders in the Moiglare Stud Stakes, which they sponsor at the Curragh next month," Weld said. Kinane also was patient with Social Graces, who took the Aer Lingus Handicap before the same trainerjockey combination struck again with Gold Chaser in the Ericsson

Crutchley's return boosts flagging English attack

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HOCKEY

BY BILL COLWILL

GUY FORDHAM, the 23-year-old Army doctor from Hounslow who missed the World Cup because of exams, was yesterday recalled to the England squad for the Commonwealth Games. Bobbie Crutchley, the National League's leading goalscorer for the past three seasons who missed the World Cup through injury, also returns. There is, however, no room for Guildford's net during the recent 2-1 series de-

missed the World Cup due to exam commitments

There are two other changes to the World Cup squad that finished sixth in Utrecht. In comes the 18year-old Michael Johnson, and Stuart Head, aged 25. Missing are Nicky Thompson, Andy Humphry, Jason Lee and, following the change in the substitute rule, the penalty corner specialist, Callum Giles.

With the strikers unable to find the

converted just three penalty corners from 27 attempts - there was an incentive to include Giles. The defence will be strengthened

by the recall of Julian Halls, and Justin Pitcock will give the midfield more shape. But it is the lack of goals which will be causing England's coach, Barry Dancer, most concern. Having experienced Malaysian conditions - 10 of the squad were in Ipoh earlier this year - England's

chances of a medal in the first

Olympian, Danny Hall, who also feat in South Africa - where England Games to feature hockey must be good. England's main challengers in the pool games should be Pakistan to whom they lost at the World Cup. Canada and Malaysia are also capable of providing an upset. Kenya and Bangladesh complete the sixteam pool. The second pool contains Australia, India, Wales, Trinidad, New Zealand and South Africa.

ENGLAND SOULAD: B Waveth (Capcan), D Woods (Southgare); S Mason, J Wgatt, M Pearn (Reading); B Gernard, J Walls (feddington); J Halls (RDN. The Hague); R Garda (Harvestenade; Hamburg); B Crarchley, J Pitcock, M Johason, B Sharpe (All Cannock); D Lockes, S Head (East Grinstead) G Fordham (Hourslow).

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Handicap.

Ascot's new audience

BY SUE MONTGOMERY

ASCOT'S progress towards the its five per cent. The value of the list and only two points sepa-Millennium has gathered pace International makes it Eurating their first 14 in the betting. with the news that the Berk-rope's second richest handicap shire course has wangled four purse - after the Tote-sponmore weekend days' racing for sored Ebor - and was a cunits 1999 programme. Those in charge have sacrificed midweek meetings for two new Saturdays and two new Sundays; in other words, they wish to stage the entertainment at a time when most people can go

rather than when they cannot. And an example of what can be done to put burns on seats on a new occasion in the calendar will be evident in four days' time with the inaugural running of the £150,000 Tole In- country has been magnifiternational Handicap. This Saturday was bagged by Ascot during last year's fixture-list of disappointment that the race. shake-up, and the race - which which involved the European attracted 40 high-class sevenfurlong handicappers at yesterday's five-day declaration attract competitors from the stage - was created specifically to enliven the punting lull between Goodwood and York

The Tote and Ascot have always been close bediellows. The handle of some 16m generated by the "nanny" at the Royal meeting is comfortably

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ingford (J Fanshawe 8-3)

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the highest of any British Flat Hero. Misbah, Crumpton Hill The 300 acres at Ascot will absorb that number with compacting and the course takes and Sheltering Sky heading the absorb that number with compact that a warre strong message. ning long-term plan that suited both the racecourse and the pool bookmaker. The contest, with a maximum field of 30, will carry a guaranteed £100,000 Trifecta, for the second successive Saturday.

"We had to be big and bold to excite the public and the racing professionals," the Tote's Rob Hartnett said. "And the response from trainers in this cent." Read, correctly, into Hartnett's phrasing a modicum handicap panel in its framing. has failed, this year at least, to Continent. The sole non-British or Irish entry, Is Tirol from Germany, declined to take up the engagement yesterday.

The sponsors anticipate a thoroughly competitive contest. offering 14-1 the field as an opening gambit with Decorated

Tote International Handicap (7f)

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2.00 FRANCASAL SELLING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,000 added

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FORM GUIDE Eastern Trumpeter: \$10000-guinea son of First Trump. Backward when last of 5 in New-mortest martien (St. soft) won by Queensland Star, Will do better

market marken (St. soft) won by Qureensland Stat. Will do better livery's Promiser. Justified bavourborn in nowce stakes here (St. good) in May. Good ef-forts over 61 and 71 since, but never dangerous in 81 Goodwood nursery last week Ladycatker. Won Marsochargh marken auchon (St. good) in May. Has not reproduced the form looking headstrong, short-headed at evens in 51 Cattenck, seller just time. Power Blow: 500-guinea son of Plassance 50-1 tailed off in last of 75 in median maid-en auchon here at Bath (£7), good to soft). Sounds Lateky: 13 June son of Sarahra Sound. 4-1 promise when 101/: langths fifth of seven in seller at Weiverhampton (61, standard). Should improve and needs to The Dirtic 3 Johnsany Petting cost. Tailed-off last both starts so far Credispizar Has shown only a little ability, placed over \$1 at Foliastone in seller (neary) and claimer (good to firm).

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Dardwille's Lase: Boaten 7: lengths when seventh of 18 to livery's Promise in novice states here on debut. Disappointing in Lingheld seller on good to firm 11 weeks later thing Dong: 14: I bear no lengths when sout of 7 in clumps at Lenester 65, good. Highland Grumpet: First Trump filly out of a useful spiriter. Outsider when among the bedomarkers in 61 majoriter is Newbury and Window Takes a log drop in destinable 18 page 27000-guinea daughter of Pursuit of Love. Week, 14-1, last of 14 in majorin at Pollestone, but that was over 17 and sho was eased. A doubtful rumner Micholae Misshress: Both efforts so for warrant respect in this company, second in Lecester seller and fifth of 9 in Pollestone claimer both over 51 on good to firm. Royal Terraggen: No form in four maderies. Problem last time (pulled up before halfway) presumptify nothing too severe as sive is back in action just it days later supermitted: 29 Fobruary filly by Superlative out of a for spiriter who has already produced two 2yo 51 winners. Makes appeal on poper in a poor quality race.

VERDICT: Newcomor Supermotes would not have to be anything special to take this and is form a stable well known for its juvente winners, livery's Promise and Ladycake are the form horses, with preference for the former or grounds of reliability, she has the assistance of star apprentice. Neil Polard and a first-time visor on the drop back to 5L Also expect a fraich-improved showing from Eastern Trumpeter.

Coral William Hill

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One of the early market movers was the Stewards' Cup flop Gaelic Storm. Mark Johnston immediately nominated the Ascot race after the fouryear-old finished 15th as a gambled-on joint favourite for last Saturday's Goodwood heat and kitty for the Tote's new bet, the yesterday it was a case of once

> RICHARD EDMONDSON Nap: Chakra (Catterick 4.45) NB: Dancing Queen (Catterick 3.45)

bitten, not at all shy as undeterred punters waded in again. The Ascot management is obviously - hoping that heir new venture will be a success, but is not taking anything for granted. "One thing we have learned," Douglas Erskine-Crum, the course's racing director, said, "is that new fixtures take time to bed in and our targets will not be overambitious. We will be pleased to attract 20,000 people over Fri-

day and Saturday.'

Horse (Trainer & weight

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Sabadilla (J Gosden 9-10)

Baffin Bay (H Cacil 7-11)

Cyrrian (P Cole 8-4)

Jestener (J. Gosdan 8-7)

Street General (H Coci 9-3)

Arctic Out (J Fershove 9-10)

Dream Of North (A State of 8-72)

Yawana's Pace (M Johnston 9-6)

reld Heights (J Fersham 742)

orld (A P O'Brien, M. 8-2

Rainbow High (8 Hils, 7st 10th)

Double Chaele (Sr M Stove 8-4)

ANTE-POST UPDATE

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fort, which is a message that will be a very strong message Erskine-Crum, who took over for our marketing department the reins of the course three to grab hold of." and a half years ago, is keen to get across. Another is to emphasise that there is more to

image of nobs and snobs. The innovations set in motion by the former Scots Guards officer - which put the customer first - have blown a welcome wind of change through Ascot's stately portals, though no doubt have some former custodians of the Queen's track impersonating Black & Decker drill bits in their graves.

"The view that we are doing the paying public something of a favour by letting them in is not applicable, not acceptable, not tolerable," Erskine-Crum said. "and if we can race at weekends rather than in the middle of the week it makes complete sense to do so. It is more convenient for racegoers and more cost-effective for both us and the BBC. Next year we will have three Sunday meetings for the first time and will be looking towards a new clientele. A 30-mile radius catchment area includes

Recent structural changes to

the fixture list mean that there will be a record 1,203 days' racing in Britain next year, 675 on the place than its traditional the Flat and 525 jumping. Twenty-four of them will be at Ascot. the same as this year but with one more Flat day (15) and one fewer over jumps (9).

Although Ascot heads the prize money and attendance leagues, 13 of Britain's 59 racetracks (with the three all-weather venues at the top of the table) will hold more racing next year. With the state of the ground before the prestige Royal and King George meetings to consider, there are limitations.

But within those parameters Erskine-Crum's targets are still onward and upward. "We know things have improved here, but there is still a long way to go. We will be reviewing our fixtures with a view to getting the optimum number, and best. slots. We want to compete with the best in the world, not just in terms of other racecourses but rival leisure activities.



out to be a sprinter, and an ex-

Genereux went on to stud ca-

reers a long time ago, but Hard

To Figure has remained to en-

dure the highs and lows of rac-

ing - this will be his 123rd

racecourse appearance. His

career high-point was winning

Seven of his 17 successes

have come at Bath, the uphili

finish suiting his come-from-be-

the 1993 Ayr Gold Cup.

Kahyasi and Cadeaux

ceptionally durable one.

Real Quiet, the Kentucky Derby winner, who is out for the season Hodges' pet tries for figure of 18 Quiet on

OWNERS WITH extra cash and a disregard for popularity have the novel opportunity of claiming Hard To Figure in the Hard To Figure Claiming Stakes, the 3.30 race at Bath today.

Now 12-years-old, Hard To Figure is reported to be "very, very well" as he bids to score the eighteenth success of his career in his own race.

"He always runs well at Bath but he basically doesn't run many bad races anywhere." trainer Ron Hodges' wife Mandy said. "We love him and

June 1988 will probably be best remembered in horseracing circles for the stirring Derby success of Kahyasi. Ten days later in the month. Cadeaux Genereux landed the competitive Golden Spurs Trophy at York, but on the same day the juvenile Hard To Figure broke his duck on only his second racecourse appearance when landing the Kelston Grad-

uation Stakes over today's course and distance.

youngsters coming through more like that of a point-to-like him." more like that of a point-to-pointer, Hard To Figure turned Sidelines

REAL QUIET, the winner of the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes, will miss the rest of the season due to a stifle injury. The dual Classic winner had been building towards another confrontation with Victory Gallop, the horse that denied him the Triple Crown sweep in the Belmont Stakes The pair had been due to meet again in the Buick Haskell Invitational Stakes at Monmouth

Each-way a quarter the orios, places, 1, 2, 3, 4 Mescot, Saturday Each-way a Quarter the octos, places, 1, 2, 3, 4 (York, 19 August) With a pedigree that reads I just wish we had a dozen 2.30 STAYERS HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,000 added 3YO 2m 1f 34yds Penalty Value £2,775 BATH added 5f 161yds Penalty Value £2,840 O48253 SAINTLY THOUGHTS (USA) (10) (K Desme) G Liwis 9.7 Paul Eddeny 6 33162 CUT DIAMOND (11) (Septen Crown) D Arbuthrol 9.6 TOulan 1 4454 CLASSIC MASCREADE (21) (Paul 8 Jerry Green) R Harmon 8.9 Rhighes 7 0-30 ROY (20) (DT MPentership) H Mortson 8.6 Rhighes 7 0-30 ROY (20) (DT MPentership) H Mortson 8.6 Rhighes 7 0-30 ROY (20) (DT MPentership) H Mortson 8.6 Rhighes 7 0-30 ROY (20) (DT MPentership) H Mortson 8.6 Rhighes 7 0-30 ROY (20) (DT MPentership) H Mortson 8.6 Rhighes 7 0-30 3.30 Hard To Figure 4.00 Welcome Heights (nb) COUR ASSISTANCE (23) (13) PRINCES OF BUTCHES (78). - 7 declared - 8 defined - 9 declared - 8 declared - 1 declared -GOING: Good STALLS: Straight course - tar side, Round course - inside. Course is 2m NW of city near A431 Beth station 2m. ADMISSION: Club £13: Tatter alls E9; Saver Fling E5, Course EZ, CAR PARK: Centre of course E5 for car plus drive emander free. Ing 9 was from 92 rumers 2027%; Mr Chennon 16-28 (9.5%).

FORM GUIDE Thoughte: Fair form when escond of 7 in a maiden handicap over this course ace in July. Subsequent efforts, both at 2m, give him less of a change... Seamy Integrate: The International Control of the Integration and Detector in July Subsequent efforts, both at 2m, give him late of a change; — Cut Diamond: Scored fastground double at Mussaburgh (hin5) and Folkestone (2m)/A. Has followed that with one poor effort and one decent one Classic Masquarede: Stowed ability in middle-distance maidens but disappointing at Epsom (mi4f) on handcap debut. Dropped 8b since, but latest run, in a classified stales at Brighton, was not encouraging. Uncertain stayer with extre 5t here Roy: Galding by Keen. Hard to assess on three runs in maidens, string steady pace when 13% lendits last of 8 to Laurendos at Newmarket (fireft) and tailed off next time. when 137/lengths last of 2 to Laurentole at Newmenter (fineti) and tailed off next tim Lady Feltic Stepping upfrom around finel fer which distance the has contested the handicaps, best effort when third of 9 at Lingfield. Hard to say whether she will stay Wedding Bandt Won claimer at Werretch (10.8), good to firm) in May, Has needed to long a list of secuses to her other performances this earn. First by beyond finel Katte-B: Tailed off in two maidens and an all-weather seller 13to out of handicap he last of 8 to La

Ebor Handicap (1m 6f)

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VERDICT: Five of these runners are trying this trip for the first time and four of the five are being moved up from time! all of which adds up to a great deal of uncartainty. Of the two with proven semma, CUT DIAMOND looks a slightly more reliable proposition. 3.00 SUMMER SPRINT HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,000 added

FORM GUIDE

Willow Dade: Seaten only "/- length when third of 6 at Salisbury in June. Below form since, though sidn't have best of rurs on first occasion. Petergie: Has tropped 6th in the weights this term, best effort when third of 13 at Newbury Tines 5t for the first time this season, which may help with a return to form Nobellino: Every chance on his second of 11 at Follestone (6t, good to firm) 4 weeks ago Fold excuses next time and run well on his ast-weather form on talest. Nobelino: Every chace on his secure or it is invested to be a facilities and had excises next time and ran well on his all-weather form on latest. Manguai: Won at Lingfield (furf) and Wolverhampton this summer. Went up too much in the weighte for this furf win, but of some interest again dropped 4th since latest. Songaineds through arraw Also in good form, winning at Chepstow and 7th of 21 to Double Oscar at Goodwood last week. Should be in the shake-up again. Livrelled: 2½ langths and the places behind Songsheet at Goodwood and now 3th worse off. Outhing at the run of the race that day though, and non-well time before Out Likre Maglic: First \$1 nm since early on as 2yo, which looks to be a response to some desappointing efforts at 71/lim, but she had only one race so far in 1998. Trailier Chanestont: Last won off \$6, now off 60. Has a number of credibility efforts to her name this term, though they were over 6t as is most of his best form of late. her name this term. Hough they were over 6t as is most of her best form of tale. Applie Seuce: Trained in 1937 by Rupert Amold, 25-1, easily best effort on latest start when neck second of 17 to Myttons Missale over 6t (good to soft) here at Bath, mak-ing most. First run over 5t for 12 months and may well improve again. VERDICT: Nobelino, Mangus and Songaheet are all decent bets to give their nur-ing, but that may not be enough to prevent APPLE SALICE from winning her first race. This three-year-old filty's still relatively unexposed, especially over this trip, and she showed

This three year-old filty's still relatively unexposed, especially over this trip, and she showed plenty of speed and promise in her appearance at this course two weeks ago.

3.30 HARD TO FIGURE CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS E) £4,000 BETTING: 9-4 Sally Behavious, 7-2 Hard to Figure, 9-2 Cauda Equina, 9-1 Hoyal Crocade, Henry The Proud, 10-1 Beylin, 12-1 Indian Biaza, 20-1 others 1997: Hard To Figure 11 8 11 P P Murphy (2) 6-5 lav (FI Hodges) drewn (12) 12 ran

FORM GUIDE dien Blaze: Maldes after 15 state that Our-length second to Be Vitamed on send in Cruary, Has shown fille on two starts for new trainer and would have a better chance Petrusery, reas structure uses or in the course when landing this last year from the out-in a handlesp.

Hard To Figure: Geaned 8th win on the course when landing this last year from the out-side draw and 3rd of 28 to Petryston View in Ayr Silver Cup next shine out. Usually comes with late surge and weights arrack in his favour.

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at Epsom tast week. Meets Hard To Figure on roughly 10to worse terms compared to a handicap. Buylor, Hard big weight in Salisbury handicap test time (eighth of 15 Petraco). Not as good as he was and bedry off at these weights. Cauda Epplate: Dual winner here and third at Mystoria Mistake on the course last month. Would be gatting a lot more weight from Hard To Figure in a handicap and held on 5th worse larnes by Salty Behaviour on Windsor running in June. However, and an abad handicap on the all-weather last time. Hard to famous at the weights. Aregrove: Has same apprentice as on last two starts in handicaps won by Shall. Would be receiving aimost 3st from Hard To Figure in a handicap. Harny The Proudt Won seller in the mud on responsance and beat recent run a second to Village Native in claimer here. Statile does well on the course and a gelding with each-way possibilities.

ara: Has shown nothing since a swiength fourth to Percy-P in a claimer here in May and looks a rank outside

VERDICT: With seven wins on the course HARD TO FIGURE has the chance of making it No 8 in his "own ruce". The old-stager showed he still had what was required when thrut to Masing-II at Goodwood two runs ago and a return to classifying-class affords him every chance with his usual strong take burst. Safty Behaviour is likely to make a race of it, but was behind Montandre at Kempton last month and Montendre was not good enough against Hard To Figure on this course last season.

4.00 49'S HANDICAP (CLASS D) £10,000 added 1m Penalty Value £7,425

— 14 declared —

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Lucky Archer: Wins on all types of ground and may not have acied for his amateur rider less time. Retitled off hat-incl. sertier in session and in weaker race today compared to his lifth to Young Precedent at York last month (1to lower here). The race lest year from Vanborough Lad and only 2to higher here. Has changed stables since, though once again he lines up with just the one previous outing behind him.

hind tactics. Park on Sunday. Nominator Lact: Well hendicapped on he Haydock win last season (best Al Magroor) and handicap mark also lower compared to his AW success in June. Must have a fine charten over he best trip with a competent apprentice faving off a further 7th Green Power: Former James Faintsee topinad withner of a Windoor madern and with placed form in some decent races. Rating has dropped 17to since beginning of season

carear reviews contral centre representations when on a warract related with placed form in some decent recent placed form in some decent recent placed forms through the street permiting of season so cannot be niled out.

Pest de Marrobres: Both white (AW) gamed over 71 when with Mark. Tompkins. Short of room in Kampton claimer (BI) after seeming to find the extended ten furforings too far at Chester. Can be given a first chance in a weaktsh handbag over a mile Welcome Heighter. Lingst three starts have been in better races and winner of a decent handbag at Doncaster last season. Must have leading chance after being set plenty to do when third to Suprem Sound at Newbury on most recent attempt. Gypay Halft Won here as a juvenia and taken on older horses for the first time. Has a chance on her provently to the Improved Shaled or on the course two outings ago Jollyteatic has been in strong maldens and ren well on this course on respectance when third to Storm Cry and subsequent winter the Gamboller. Witering: Has an 6to fise to defly after the Windsor win from fivin Creeks, though ran well off the higher mark here when fourth to Rebel County, who went close to a further success at Chester on Sunday.

Star Turn: Malden from 16 starts and hand to fancy on his all-weather seller second to Without Friends in February.

Missibat: Second to hot tavourse Tomado Prince at Folkestone last week and seamingly more effective on Lingfields Equitacia, (at wire there).

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ear; Excellent first run back either two years oif when therd to Hyde Park at Ponteresultant, but which was boosted by Hyde Parks win at Chester on Sundey Interest: Turned out quickly effer a 3rd of 16 to Sts Gerden at Lingfield on Seturday. Over three langths behind Warming when third to Paddy't Rice here in June but now en-joys a 13th pull and also tried in bilinkers

VERDICT: A drop in class after two runs at Newbury is a big help to Welcome Heights, who showed his turn was near again with a staying-on third to Supreme Sound. The well-handicapped peir Nominator Lad and Green Power are in with a fine chance on ther best form, and this timp could prove spot on for PAS DE MEM-ORES who was an improved cold tast backend when landing two nursens on the all-weather. Subsequently switched to Karl Burks, he should be in top condition after two runs. Warning is in fine form and is enother threat after his latest form was boost-

4.30 COLERNE APPRENTICES MAIDEN HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,000 added 1m 2f 46yds Penalty Value £2,740

FORM GUIDE

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Livius: Gelded after only juvenile start (2nd to Meteor Strike on the course): Latest staying-on lourth at Newtrantes boosted when the winner Bold Faith won again on Seturday and the is a softer race.

Twin Three Humped big weight at Lingfield after creditable fifth to Diminutive on this course. Goes off a bimiler rating but may find a couple too good.

Windy Guitch: Set plenty to do against the traiblazing Keid in Sendown maden last time. Shaped pretty well creviously and now contests her first handcap.

Keen Denoer: Winning hurdler and tavourite (sexth) in Outeen's Price at Kempton over Easter. Price besten since over strong trips but has a chance in this weak grade. Fleide Of Consight: Prifit to Forest Ending in a decent maden at Beverley and was a besten knounter at Newtoury atterwards. May not stay 12 furiongs and latest Seisbury fourth to Parumen Ster gives him hope for this shorter trip.

Zerry Lody: Well besten on first handcap attempt at Salsbury (7il after runs over longer detance). Looks a filly without a trip but hest log apprentice Net Poland abourd Typhoon Ladt: A moderate getting who deserves to be bottom weight in a maiden

VERDICT: This wouldn't be the race to have the mortgage on but LIVIUS does stand out on his maiden form and handicap fourth to previous and subsequent winer Bold Farth. The filly Windly Guilch may be capable of some improvement after his runs in maidens, and the drop in the part of the standard benefit Fields.

Of Omagh, who is from a stable to be greatly respected on this course.

FIRST SHOW Dunwoody master of

Mark Hallaton 100-30 7/2 3-1 7/2 3-1 Wanted 8-1 8-1 8-1 6-2 8-1 Pentrer 7-7 8-1 8-1 8-1 8-1 Grow 198 9-1 9-1 8-1 8-1 Lucky Arther 10-1 10-1 10-1 10-1 9-1 Pas De Mars. 1141 61 11-1 11-1 G1 februick 21 21 21 21 141 Septe 21 21 141 21 21 Nonahator Laci 141 141 141 141 141 From State 201 25-1 25-1 25-1 Gran Power 331 &1 161 20: 261 Mark 51 251 251 30-1 20-1 Ser Turn 201201251251251 Earlyway is quarter the ocids, places, 1, 2, 3 C Coast H Was HE L Laddroves S Startey T lets

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RICHARD DUNWOODY was the toast of the Embassy Tavern in Paignton, Devon, last night after he rode the winner of the race sponsored by the public house. The former champion jump jockey's success on Master Millfield at Newton Abbot was his first vicotry in Britain

the house

jury sustained in a fall at Fontwell in early May. "It's nice to be back in the winner's circle," Dunwoody said, "as I had trapped nerves in a vertebra in my neck which affected my bicep strength and reflexes and it took a long time

since returning from a neck in-

to come right." Master Millfield was given the usual Dunwoody kid-gloves treatment, threading his way through the field to hit the front two out before staying on to win by two lengths.

CATTERICK

2.15 High Regard 2.45 Quibbling 3.15 Poetto 3.45 Eternity 4.15 MOON BLAST (nap) 4.45 Just Testing GOING: Good to Soft. STALLS: Inside. DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

Left-hand course, urguiding and sharp.

E Course is NW of town on A8136. Durlington station 14m - bus Service to course. ADMISSION: Club £11; Tettersalls £7; Course £250 (under 16s tree into all enclosures). CAR PARK: Reserved area £2, remainder Free.

ELEADING TRAINERS J Berry 31-181 (171%), Mrs M Reveley 18-

91 (178%), M. Johnston 15-89 (16.9%), M. W. Easterby 14-120 (11.7%). ILEADING JOCKEYS: K. Darley 28-139 (20.1%), J. Fortune 21-132 9%, J Wenver 14-77 (\$2%), K Fallon 10-45 (22.2%) FAVOURITES: 195-480 (406%) LONG DISTANCE TRAVELLERS: Moon Blast (4:5) sert 299 miles. BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Lucky By Phar (visioned, 245), Younico (visioned, 345), Gelicharge Gennini (visioned, 4:5)

2.15 PONTEFRACT PARK' MAIDEN STAKES (D) £4,600 added 2YO 7f

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5 03 REX IS DRAW (23) S Bowing 8 0 C Theolet (3) 2
6 342 REVERBLUE (7) Mrs. J Remeden 9 0 ... J Porteine 7
7 05 RENG TRUE (13) J Bothell 8 9 ... Derton Notices (3) 3
7 declared ... BETTING: 7-4 Reverblue, 9-4 High Regard, 13-2 Ray is Olony, 7-1 Disorce Action, 8-1 Cut The Spice, 14-1 Ring True, 22-1 Neutron's Hero.

FORM VERDICT There are doubts as to how well the leading contenders will adopt to the conditions. Divorce Action, from last year's withing stable, is open to reprovement but RIVERSELUE has the best form credentials and is preferred to High Regend, who

2.45 BEVERLEY WESTWOOD' SELLING STAKES (G) £2,500 1m 7f 177yds

FORM VERDICT PARDAN gets the vote on the basis of a Nottingham third to

3.15 NAG'S HEAD WE'VE SURVIVED 25 YEARS' HANDICAP (F) 53,000 77

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FORM VERDICT A treacherous event for both riders and puniers with 20 nun-ners hoping to graib a favourable position on the round course. There is printy of pace, particularly among the right numbers, and it is hard to guage the skely effects of the draw. Don Pepe is well enough treated on his best form end acts here, but one open to improvement at this trip is DAZZING STONE. first home on the stands' side at Ripon last time.

3.45 ROY SALLANS HANDICAP (CLASS E) 23,750 added 1m 5f 175yds

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Minimum weight: 7st 10b True handicup weights: M Ciris Forget 6st 11tb. Nebburgus 6st 90.

Nabrangus Get 90. BETTING: 3-1 Elemity, 4-1 Maltum, 5-1 Ziggy's Viola, 11-2 Yoursloo, 8-1 Dancing Queen, 7-1 Cithurmel News, 14-1 Hab Explore, 16-1 others FORM VERDICT

Not the most competitive of handicaps, offering a good op-portunity for course witner ETERNITY to get back into the groove back on a soft surface, assuming she does not get into a futile bettle for the lead with Medium.

4.15 "WETHERBY STEEPLECHASES" CLAIM-ING STAKES (F) £3,000 1m 4f

- 10 declared -BEITING: 7-4 hight City, 5-2 Moon Blast, 7-2 Desert Fighter, 8-1 Give An Inch, 10-1 Latvier, 20-1 Bo Dancet, 25-1 Sabo Sonic, 33-7 others FORM VERDICT

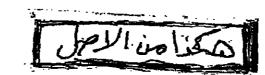
Moon Blast would win this with something to spare on last seasons form but was well below that level on his seasonal distout and is readily opposed with NIGHT CITY, who con-trues in good form and tor whom any further softening of the ground will be an advantage

4.45 'YORK KNAVESMIRE' HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,000 added 5f

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77 000060 PASELLA BILIESERO (6) G Cloroyd 3 7 10 Jone Wends (5) 2 V T7 declared Minimum weight: 7st 10th The handicap weight: Another Epocke ™ ™
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SETTING: 5-1 Chakra, 7-1 Ledy Sharilf, 6-1 Just Testing, Bushing Grenadica,
Skaping Imp, 10-1 Dubai Narse, Dyon, 12-1 others - 17 declared -

FORM VERDICT A high draw is an advantage when there is out in the ground here. Speedy LADY SHERIFF, from 14, is not as good as she was but has still been rurning respectably, is eased in grass; and should make a bold bld.



McCall's heart leads him home

Phil Shaw meets a midfielder making an emotive return to his first club, a bond sealed by far more than football

AS ONE who played for Bradford City on the day of the fire which left 56 supporters dead and his own father badly burned, Stuart McCall is painfully aware that football is not a matter of life and death. Yet he approaches each game as if it is, which is why clubs were queuing up to relieve Rangers of the Scotland midfielder this summer.

That Bradford, mid-table in the First Division last season, beat off more opulent opposition owed much to McCall's affection for the club he first joined 17 years ago. If what he terms an "emotional attachment" makes him an oddity in these days of restless players and rapacious agents, the feeling among the fans

Around 500 of them packed into McCall's Suite - he is perhaps the only current player to have a hospitality facility named in his honour - to welcome him back to Valley Parade. When Bradford's club shop invited him in to sign copies of his autobiography*, a session scheduled for a couple of hours before lunch ended in late afternoon with writer's

"The reception has been overwhelming, embarrassing and humbling," admits McCall. "The funny thing is that although I've been away 10 years, I recognised virtually every face. It was the same in our first pre-season friendly at Farsley

The sensation of coming full circle was especially strong at Farsley, the outfit with whom McCall soidiered on after all his Leeds City Boys colleagues were snapped up by League clubs. When he got his break with Bradford, the crowd roared with laughter because he was so small and he wore big, billowing

Sartorial considerations were forgotten once the size of his heart became apparent. Bradford stormed to the old Third Division title in 1985, only for their coronation to turn into one of sport's blackest days when lames engulfed the main stand.

McCall recalls how he drove around West Yorkshire's hospitals n his kit - until he found his father, andy, a former Leeds player. The ond with Bradford grew so intense hat he passed up opportunities to ætter himself until 1988.

In the meantime he was selected for the Under-21 squads of Engand and Scotland (his father's irthplace) on the same day. Having pted for England under pressure At 34 I didn't want to be kicking my mere sentiment that swayed him. department but hopefully I can were left out of France 98 because Publishing, £9.99).



Stuart McCall back in the colours of Bradford City, where his career began and where he hopes to deal with the 'unfinished business' of promotion Andrew Varley

from the club, he realised his "mistake" and pretended not to hear instructions ordering him on as a last-minute substitute in Turkey so as to be free to switch allegiance.

At Rangers, who rescued him from an unfulfilling sojourn at Everton, he became the "holding" player whose discipline freed Paul Gascoigne and others. "I used to get fined by Walter (Smith, the manager] if I got in our opponents' 18-yard

McCall had a year left on his Ibrox deal, but it was time to move on. was the end of an era with pals like Ally McCoist, Ian Durrant, Andy Goram and the gaffer gone or going.

"The new manager, Dick Advo-

heels in the reserves. The shame was the way it ended, without a trophy for the first time in my seven

"But the last night we were to-

gether we were able to look back on a fantastic era. With the Bosman ruling, I doubt you'll see the bulk of a side stay together like that again." McCall cites the European Cup

double over Leeds, his boyhood heroes, as the highlight of his time in Glasgow. "People forget we'd have reached the final if we'd won at Marseilles instead of drawing. With a games unbeaten. But we didn't build on it."

Now Bradford have, he says, tugged his heart strings, although it caat, wanted to bring in fresh faces. was unfinished business rather than

up before I left. It's been said this place isn't big enough to sustain Premiership football, but gates were 3,000 when I first came here and 16,000 last season.

"There's also more money around now, though I don't think we'll be competing in the transfer market with the Sunderlands, Wolves and Birminghams. But neither did Chariton last season, or Barnsley the year before."

For the manager, Paul Jewell, his qualities transcended any qualms "Everything was breaking up. It mostly Scottish side we went 10 about recruiting someone who has made no secret of his ambition to three-year contract and is keen to give full value.

"We were desperately close to going make up for that with the experience Craig Brown feared they might be I've gained and my reading of the game. And I'm as enhusiastic as

> Is there a danger, after Ibrox's baying bluenoses and the Old Firm rivalry, that he might struggle to psy-che himself up for fixtures such as Saturday's opener against Stockport? "I see it as a new challenge. The stadiums have changed drasti-cally since I last played there. Anyway, apart from Celtic and to an extent Hearts and Aberdeen, Scottish crowds weren't big"

The only Scot to appear in the 1990 World Cup finals thus the folhis 40 caps but is not bolding his follow in his footsteps. "I may have lost a bit in the leg breath. He claims he and McCoist

tempted to "party", a suggestion he finds "hurtful". One of his most treasured mem-

ories concerns the otherwise unhappy day at Wembley two years ago against England. Much of the prematch hype centred on which of three Scots would end up swapping shirts with Gascoigne. McCall, whose daughter Carly is devoted to the Geordie jester, was one of them.

"At half-time I was going down the tunnel when I heard these studs coming up behind me. Gazza whipped off his top and gave it to me - he didn't want mine! - which was typical of the manage Bradford. McCall has a lowing two European. Champi- man." Gascoigne was to return south onships, McCall would love to add to and win promotion; McCall plans to

*The Real McCall (Mainstream

Gillespie's 'lllb': 'happy' to 'tay with Newcastle

BY MARK BURTON

KEITH GILLESPIE, whose £3.5m transfer to Middlesbrough fell through after a medical, is happy at Newcastle and will continue his protracted contract negotiations. according to his agent.

Ian Elliott said the Northern Ireland winger was keen to stay at St James' Park, even though he had been expected to sign for Boro today. However, Elliott seemed to be damning the Magpies with faint place when he said of Gillespie. who had not requested a transfer: "It is not the end of the world for him if he stays there. It is a big club and he has always been happy up here." That hardly sounded a strong ne-

gotiating position, but Newcastle yesterday announced their intentions to resume contract talks when they released a statement. "Newcastle expect the player to return to the squad shortly and will continue to have contract discussions with him over the next few weeks," it said.

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Middlesbrough said on Sunday they had secured Gillespie on a five-year contract, but Elliott admitted that the deal fell through because the former Manchester United player would not be available for the start of the new season after failing to shrug off the ankle injury which kept him out of the FA Cup final in May. "The only thing we have is a slight medical problem with his ankle, which he damaged at Tottenham last season," Elliott said. "It is going to take a period of rest to put that right and I think Middlesbrough wanted him to be available to play straight away. That is our understanding of the situation."

Another apparently done deal. David Unsworth's move back to Everton after a one-week stay at Aston Villa has not been completed four days after the transfer had apparently been agreed. It is believed the move hinges on the Aston Villa chairman, Doug Ellis, and his Everton counterpart, Peter Johnson, approving the deal. Unsworth, whose wife was apparently behind the move back to the North-west, remains a Villa player.

Yet another transfer saga seems set to end as Colin Hendry is poised to complete his transfer to Rangers some time today.

The Scottish champions, who opened their Premier League campaign with a 2-1 defeat at Hearts on Sunday, and are believed to have raised their offer for Blackburn's inspirational centre-half and reached a compromise on the fee, at possibly about £4m, after Rovers asked

Blackburn's chief executive John Williams, said yesterday there had been "positive developments" and it now looks as though Hendry could become a Rangers player today.

Scherer in display of sprint class

GOODWILL GAMES

HE BRAZILIAN swimmer Fernndo Scherer equalled the fourthistest time in history for the men's 0 metres freestyle on Sunday as the /orld team trounced Germany 85-37 win the Goodwill Games gold

On the final day of the Games. cherer managed to record 2.18sec, but he clearly believed that ut for a slight mistake he would ave been able to achieve an even etter time. "I missed the wall by ist a little," he said. "Just a quickr touch and I would have been a ttle faster."

Scherer, who lives and trains in lorida, also clocked the fourthistest split time in the men's x100 metres relay with a time of

His performance overshadowed ıe double Olympic gold medallist lexander Popov, who clocked 22.27 1 helping Russia to a 63-59 win over ie United States in the team cometition.

"The races were really competive and it was mentally tough to wim," Popov said.

In the only other competitive vent on Sunday, the top-seeded razilians Adriana Behar and Shelar Bede disposed of the fourth-Australians Kerri ottharst and Pauline Manser 12-9 2-5 in the women's beach volleyball

Brazil had also taken the men's tie in Central Park on the previous

The Brazilian duo trailed 6-4 efore finding their rhythm with a eries of booming serves which left neir Australian opponents scramling in the sand on the makeshift urface at the Woollman ice skating

"We train every day, one hour on erving," said Bede. "I don't know hat other teams do, but we put a ot of stress on our serves."

Radcliffe frustrated by double rebuff

ATHLETICS

By Adam Szreter

AS ONE chapter closed - barring unforeseen circumstances, the next instalment of the British athletics saga was unfolding.

Roger Black retired following Sunday night's grand prix at Sheffield's Don Valley Stadium where Mark Richardson and Iwan Thomas, joint heirs to his throne, had once again demonstrated that 400 metres running remains in capable hands in this country, while the new women's team captain, Paula

sidered among the favourites for gold in the 10.000m at the European Championships in two weeks' time.

Black was beaten into third place by Richardson and Thomas but nevertheless enjoyed the send-off he was given by the Sheffield public and he reiterated that, in case of injury, he remains on standby for the individual 400m in Budapest despite being snubbed by the selectors in the first place. Given Solomon Wariso's less than wholehearted commitment to the one-lap race, anything could still happen but it seems likely we have seen the last of Black on the track and can prepare to see a lot

mance over 3,000m, winning by about 50 metres from a field that included the world cross-country champion Sonia O'Sullivan, sug-

gested that her recent stint of highaltitude training in the Pyrenees has paid off handsomely. She can look forward with great confidence to a meeting with the Portuguese world 10,000m champion, Fernanda Ribeiro, in Hungary. O'Sullivan has yet to decide whether to run the 5,000 or the 10,000.

"It's got to be a good psychological boost going to Budapest," Radcliffe said afterwards, "but this race

Radcliffe's dominant perfor- livan] so I'm not reading anything into it. I've done a lot of work. putting in three weeks at 120 miles up there and now I'm really looking forward to racing."

The season began well for the 24-year-old Radcliffe, breaking Liz Mc-Colgan's 10,000m British record, and it has gone from strength to strength with victory at 5,000m and second place over 1500m in a European Cup double. That is something she would have liked to have had the chance of repeating at the Commonwealth Games in Malaysia next month, but unless Kelly Holmes fails to return to health in time, Radcliffe will have

thought I couldn't cope with it. I could cope with it when Great Britain needed the points in the European Cup and I thought the whole object of me doing that was so that they consider me doubling up in Kuala Lumpur. It's a long way to go for one race." Her last outing before the Europeans is a 5,000m race in Stockholm tomorrow night.

"I'm disappointed because they

As far as Sunday's meeting itself was concerned, there was plenty for the organisers, Fast Track, to feel happy about, although Jon Ridgeon who takes off his press attache's hat

"I'm disappointed the selectors to become the master of ceremonies didn't discuss it with me," she said. on such occasions, admitted they were hoping for slightly more than the 11,000 people who turned out on a beautiful afternoon, especially given that it was Black's last race.

"We were hoping for 12,000 at least, possibly as many as 15,000 so it shows there is still much work to do," said Ridgeon, himself a former world 110m hurdles silver medallist. "Considering the weather was so good it was a bit on the sparse side but we can only do what we're doing, and it just shows you can't turn things around overnight. It may take us three years to get

Young British sprint hopes spared the fast track

BY PETER MARTIN

SPRINTERS OFTEN talk about "tunnel vision" in their races when describing their absolute, singleminded concentration on running. Yet for many young British sprinters in the past decade, there was never any light at the end of the tunnel indeed, after a brief flirtation with fame, halting ever so briefly to collect their European junior titles or World Junior Championship medals, they then ran off into the distance, never to be seen again.

The stunning emergence in the past week of Christian Malcolm as a double world junior sprint champion, however, offers the possibility of a far better progression through to success at senior level. The teenager from south Wales, who will receive a rapturous reception when he competes in tonight's Welsh Games at Cardiff, has arrived as a world force at a time when British sprinting is probably at its most competitive in more than a

That this should correspond to old lion Christie's rule over the Linford Christie's complete domi- pride of Europe was absolute.





Sprint talents (from left): Christian Malcolm, Dwain Chambers and Darren Campbell

sor and, above all, as inspiration, is

nance of European sprinting cannot be merely coincidence. During Christie's 12-year reign as 100m champion of Europe - which will only end at this year's European Championships in Budapest later this month because he will not be dement of both, as well as having fending the title - saw off all chalhelped coach the new AAA chamlengers with equal disdain. Like an pion, Darren Campbell. Christie. as mentor, sometime financial spon-



At a time when Britain can boast harvesting sprint talents the likes of both the world 100m junior champion which this country has never (Malcolm) and the world 100m junior witnessed. record-holder in Dwain Chambers, The sprint relay bronze medal it is equally significant that Christie won in Athens last year was a harhas been involved in the developbinger When three of the Athens

> pean Cup in St Petersburg in June. they were slicker and quicker. As well as Campbell, Malcolm and

quartet raced together at the Euro-

Doug Gardner. Such is the stock of British sprinting at present, multiple medals in all the sprints, not just the 400m, are expected at Budapest

Yet, for some, their present success has been hard won. When he was a teenager, Darren Campbell was picked out by Christie as the man to succeed him. Yet injuries, plus a lack of direction and cash saw Campbell drift into semi-professional football, where his European junior sprint double in 1991 counted for little when the centre-backs in the Dr Marten's League wanted to make their mark. Only now, at 24. and six years on from his greatest triumphs on the track, is Campbell

beginning to realise his potential. Campbell might have been lost to athletics simply because there was no support structure in place for him. "I had a bad injury, and I had no support, no back-up," Campbell says. "I wasn't racing, so I wasn't earning

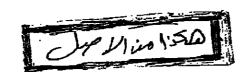
When Campbell graduated from Chambers there is also Jason Gard- the juniors, he tried to become a full-

any money."

ner, Julian Golding, Ian Mackie, time athlete, but had to compete against the likes of Christie and the against the likes of Christie and the top Americans to earn any money. Max Jones, Britain's chief coach, thinks that throwing youngsters in at the deep end is counter-productive. "We saw it with Danny Joyce after he won the European junior title a few years ago," Jones said.
"He came back and immediately was put in a race with Linford. He was

crushed by that." When Jones watched the British junior team in action last week and looked ahead to their next challenges, he was thinking not of the European Championships but of the under-23 competitions next year. "We have got to nurture them. It can be tough out there."

Jones now oversees a scheme, funded by Lottery cash and inmune from the financial travails which have afflicted the British Athletic Federation, that finds the right races for up-and-coming youngsters, helps to pay their physiotherapy costs and medical insurance, and even pays grants to the best among them. It will all help the young lions to roar.



RUGBY UNION

JUST WHEN you thought it was

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British rugby is on the verge of

another political eruption

England's professional clubs

are planning, with the full

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BY CHRIS HEWETT

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A little over four weeks before the scheduled start of bar after three long years of thousands of long-suffering the English campaign, tens of clubs would be involved in the supporters are still entirely in the dark as to their clubs' fixture arrangements. Now we have an explanation for the delay. A new cross-border tournament involving as many as 40 teams and starting in October is firmly in the pipeline and, if lead to a radical restructuring miership will almost certainly Milan, are keen to join the agreement is reached, the Prebe split into two American Foot-

body of the game worldwide.

ship and, inevitably, a further falling out with the governing ate the necessary elbow room in a hopelessly top heavy pro-

gramme. All 14 Premiership One new competition along with at least eight of the finest French teams, including Brive and Toulouse, and very probably more. Cardiff, who have effectively severed all links with the Welsh Rugby Union, are desperate to be involved while Swansea and the top Italian party. Even the ultra-conserv-

English clubs, are showing an interest. Only the Irish are keeping their distance.

However, the situation is complicated by the determination of European Rugby Cup Ltd, the high-powered administrative body behind the three successful Heineken Cup tournaments, to cling on to power. The ERC directors, who boast three International Board executive members among their number, meet later this week to discuss the implications of the rival project and are certain to

Clubs' Europe plan needs conference system ative Scots, impassioned recent call on all national unions to critics of both the RFU and the remain loyal to the original

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The English clubs voted last January to blank all future ERC-run tournaments and have now been joined in their boycott by almost all their bigname brethren in France. If ERC and, by extension, the IB choose to dig in their heels, the likes of Bath and Toulouse could soon find themselves accompanying Manchester United, Milan and other European Superleague enthusiasts in the courts.

"Much depends on what

hours," said Doug Ash, chiefex- Brian Baister, remain uncon- semi-retirement, knows preecutive of English First Division Rugby, the Premiership clubs' umbrella organisation. "We've had some very encouraging discussions with potential sponsors and broadcasters and we're quietly confident of putting something in place for the coming season. If it happens, we'll obviously need to look at the Premiership fix-

play-offs, is one option under consideration." The RFU, now under the

ture list. A seven-team confer-

ence system, followed by

vinced that any new tournament can be signed, sealed and delivered in the time available, but their decision to back seek immediate discussions with other governing bodies is the clearest possible indication that they believe ERC to be dead in the water. The clubs

certainly take that view. ERC have no sponsors, no broadcasters and few participants, so it's difficult to see

cisely where he is going: Singapore. The local union has try-scorer in Test history to join the project in principle and Justin Sampson in coaching the national team in the forthcoming Asian Championship, which will double as a qualifying tournament for the World Cup.

Campese, who intends to lead Australia's sevens team at the Commonwealth Games new post, will join a rugby nawhere they're going," Ash said. tion on a hot streak with two re-At least David Campese, the cent victories in the bank.

Service trouble thwarts Henman

BY TONY KELSHAW

TIM HENMAN'S attempt to win his first ATP final in America failed when he was beaten in straight-sets by Andre Agassi at the Mercedes Cup in Los Angeles. The British No 2, seeded second in the event, lost 6-4, 6-4 to the former world No 1.

But, despite being beaten by the American, he remains 12th in the ATP rankings. The British No 2 went ahead of Slovakia's Karol Kucera, who slipped from 11 to 14, but at the same time was overtaken by Agassi, who climbed from 13 to

first-ever meeting with Agassi his serve and volley game, but some double faults," he said. he was not too despondent in Agassi comfortably held his Andre you've got to play at the top of your game, and I didn't do that," he said. "But I feel pleased with the way I'm playing, that's for sure. I lost today, but I think I'll take away a lot of positives."

Agassi, now ranked 13 in the world and fifth here, was winning his 11th straight match since his defeat in the second round at Wimbledon and it was world. his fourth tournament victory of the year.

Henman, competing for the first time since reaching the last seeded seventh in the Du Maufour at Wimbledon, started nervously and had his serve broken in only the third game.

About to serve with the score at 30-all he was disturbed by a mobile phone in the crowd. Henman failed to regain his composure on that point and then handed the game over when crashing a simple-looking smash into the net.

"It's not the first time it has not ideal, but it's going to happen wherever you play." Agassi piled on the pres-

sure with a series of punishing

drives from the baseline, while Henman's serve continued to give cause for concern. He had to survive a break point in the seventh game and was taken to deuce in the ninth before Agassi clinched the opening set with a love game.

Henman had served five aces in that first set, but also surrendered four double-faults and continued to struggle in the second set. He lost the fifth game on his serve, broke back immediately and then had his spirit crushed when he lost his serve again in the seventh.

In both of his lost games Henman put his opponent in the driving seat with doublefaults, but he believes that is the Henman's problem in his price he pays for being positive.

"When you go for your secwas that he failed to establish ond serve, you're going to make defeat. "To beat someone like serve twice more to clinch a second successive tournament victory and the 38th title of an illustrious career which includes three Grand Slam wins - at Wimbledon and the US and Australian Opens.

> Elsewhere in the rankings announced yesterday Greg Rusedski, inactive since Wimbledon because of his severe ankle injury, stays at No 6 in the

Henman, whose current ambition is to break into the top 10 for the first time, has been rier Open in Toronto this week but Rusedski will again be an absentee from the circuit. However, He is likely to play in the Cincinnati and New Haven tournaments which follow Toronto because he needs matchplay badly if he is to prepare properly for the US Open in which he reached the final

last year. Sam Smith, Britain's leading happened," Henman said of woman player, fell one place the irritating interruption. "It's from 58 to 59 in the latest WTA world rankings despite reaching the semi-finals of the Salt Lake City Challenger last



Tim Henman serves during his final with Andre Agassi in Westwood, Los Angeles

SPORTING DIGEST

John Ferrey/Allsport | up for it."

Warlord is defeated in battle of the waves

As Cowes Week gets into its stride in the Solent, Stuart Alexander meets an early victim of the dire weather

THE CREW was, to say the least, hacked off. "This is what you get out of bed for in the morning," they said. "It's what strong crew are his sons Jereboard Philip Tolhurst's 40ft yacht Warlord were feeling a little cheated in the Cowes Yacht Haven yesterday after being forced to pull out of the first meaty race of this year's Skandia Life Cowes Week.

The first part of their race, from a start line off the Royal Yacht Squadron, had gone well, taking them upwind to a buoy off up to 27 knots, kicking up a short sea, and Tolhurst had the crew ical foredeck hand, whose blond reward for the uphill slog was a run under soinnaker which had everyone working their socks off.

"It was very physical," said Tolhurst. "We were burning out winch grinders in just 10minute spells. And pumping the mainsail in and out, doing everything to squeeze maximum power from the kite, surfing down wave after wave."

"A neat blast," was the general verdict as they turned to go back upwind, rather like trudging back up a mountain difficult snow knowing that a big run was in prospect. They could almost taste the thrill of the 10 or 11 miles back to the entry of Southampton Water.

The came the bang. A big one. The halvard, with a near two-tonne breaking strain, parted and the mainsail crashed

"There you are, just about to throw yourself off the top of the mountain, and the ski bindings break. There was a real feeling of emptiness," said Tolhurst. In America they might regard these as storm conditions, but not here. This is when team work has to be spot on and we were really pumped

Tolhurst is a lawyer with practices in Chelmsford and Southend and among his 12you look forward to -a howling my, 24, and Patrick, 17, and good blast." The macho men on daughter Rosanna, 22. Wife Jenny also guests. The rest of the daring dozen are seasoned Solent warriors, mainly from the Hamble, giving Tolhurst a perfect mix of amateur family sailing but with expectations of doing well at the top level.

His latest Warlord - No VI is a Farr 40. Before it came three three-man Dragons, a J39, and most recently an the entrance to Lord Montagu's Etchells, his final day boat per-Beaulieu River. The breeze was suading him that a return to something bigger was in order.

Tolhurst is unhappy about lined up on the rail to counter- the way the handicapping sysbalance the heel of the yacht. "It tem treats some yachts unwasn't too wet," claimed the sto-fairly, including his own, and would like to see more of an hair plastered to the top of his open playing field. He is also head, made him look vaguely adamant that people should like a drowned ferret. But the put more into the actual sailing and less into expensive tinker ing for handicap advantage

Even so the Solent, rather than the East Coast waters of his home, have become the chosen playground for Tolhurst -"it offers so much variety and opportunity," - even if there is the occasional disaster

"We hit a top speed of 19 knots in 30 knots of wind today but by mid-evening I expect that will be 30 knots of boat speed in 19 knots of wind," he added with

TODAY'S NUMBER

The number of expletives used by the Wimbledon manager, Joe Kinnear, on a Clubcall line yesterday – three in one sentence about relegation

ATHLETICS

Fermin Cacho, the former Olympic 1500m champion, has had his preparations for this month's European Championships in Budapest disrupted as he is suffering from flu. The Spaniard who had been planning to run the 800m as well as the 1500m in Budapest, retired from the Spaniar paralysis, championships on

BASEBALL

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Boston 8 Anathelm 7: Seattle 6 New York
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bt A Taylor (Midnes) 21-16; S Cheavin (Stockport) bt A Camidin (Chadderton) 21-9; C Hobday (Buuton) bt C Bennett (Chadderton) 21-19; K Jackson (Preston) bt J Booth (Rossendale) 21-14.

BOXING

Michael Flatley of Lord Of The Dance fame has been offered £1 m to make his professional debut in Dublin next month. Flatley, who has indicated a desire to take up the sport having boxed in his younger days in Chicago, has been made the offer by the irish promotional organisation Team Ireland.

The Embassy World Professional Championship, the richest event in the game, will have record-breaking prize-money of £174,000 when it is staged by the British Darts Organisation for the 22nd time next ganisation for the 22nd time next year. The event runs from 2 to 10 January and will again be staged at the Lakeside Country Club in Frim-ley Green, Surrey, with £42,000 go-ing to the winner and £21,000 to the support

EQUESTRIANISM SAMSUNG NATIONS CUP (Bedapest): 1 Hungary 8 faults, 2 Germany 12.5; 3 Austria 16; 4 Bedglum 28; 5 toly 33.25; 6 Great Britain 55.

FOOTBALL

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Frank and Ronald de Boer and Ajax failed to reach an agreement in their talks yesterday but have resolved to meet again. The two Dutch internationals want to leave Ajax but the club insist the players must ablde by their contracts which run until 2004.

Chaffeld Wadnesday have com-

Sheffield Wednesday have completed the signing of Wim Jonk, the

Dutch international midfielder, for £2.5m on a three-year contract. £2.5m on a three-year contract. Trevor Sinclair is hoping to be back in training with West Ham later this week after being given the all-clear following a hospital scare. Sinclair, 25, was taken to hospital in Essex, after reportedly having difficulty breathing and complaining of chest pains during a round of golf on Sun-day and was tetrained overnight. day and was detained overnight. Gallingham have paid a dub record £500,000 fee to sign Brentford's 27-year-old striker Bob Taylor, Taylor, scored 56 goals for Brentford in 172

Alan Ball, the Portsmouth manage er, has pulled out of a deal to sign Liazid Sandjak, the Algerian in-ternational striker, after the player failed to prove his fitness.

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Sam Allardyce, the Notts County manager, has made Shaun Murray, the Bradford City midfielder, his eighth signising of the summer. Suspensions of the summer. Suspensions stort 19th August; Ose match 1997/98 SEASON: Premier League (All suspensions stort 19th August; Ose match (Notte Ham). The match of Solskiaer (Nat Utd): M lackson (Lee's Utd); G Halle (Lee's Utd); Aston Villa); D thesworth (Aston Villa); J Harsell (Might); J Harsell (Might); J Harsell (Lee's Utd); S Abou (Mest Ham). Then matches: J Williams (Coventry City); T Flowers (Blackborn); G branston (Lee'ster); S Victers (Middle-trough); Then matches: B Thatcher (Winthedon); F Benall (Southempton); Flater (Berron); Flower matches: B Thatcher (Winthedon); F Benall (Southempton); Flower (Minthedon); F Benall (Southempton); Flower (Winthedon); F Renall (Southempton); Flower (Winthedon); F Renall (Southempton); Flower (Winthedon); F Renall (Southempton); Flower (Minthedon); F Renall (Southempton); Flower (Minthedon); F Renall (Southempton); Flower (Minthedon); F Renall (Southempton); F Winter (Minthedon); F Renall (Southempton); F Winter (Minthedon); F Renall (Southempton); F Winter (Minthedon); F Renall (Southempton); F Renall (Southempton); J Bosanck (Barnsley); P Rogers (Frammer); M Spencer (Chester Held); L Howarth (Barnsley); P Rogers (Frammer); M Spencer (Chester Held); L Howarth (Barnsley); P Rogers (Frammer); M Spencer (Chester Held); L Howarth (Barnsley); P Rogers (Frammer); M Spencer (Chester Held); L Howarth (Barnsley); P Rogers (Frammer); M Spencer (Chester Held); L Howarth (Barnsley); P Rogers (Frammer); M Spencer (Chester Held); L Howarth (Barnsley); P Rogers (Frammer); M Spencer (Chester Held); L Howarth (Barnsley); P Rogers (Frammer); M Spencer (Chester Held); L Howarth (Barnsley); P Rogers (Frammer); M Spencer (Chester Held); L Howarth (Barnsley); P Rogers (Frammer); M Spencer (Chester Held); L Howarth (Barnsley); P Rogers (Frammer); M Spencer (Chester Held); L Howarth (Barn

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October's Oki Pro-Am tournament has been withdrawn from this year's PGA European Tour schedule, be-cause of difficulties in finding a suit-

PGA European four schedule, de-Gause of difficulties in finding a sult-able venue.

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ICE HOCKEA

Sheffield Steelers of the Superleague, who recorded losses of £250,000 last season, have signed a three-year sponsorship deal with sports goods retailers Allsports. The deal takes effect from the start of the 1998-99 season, which begins not specific season, which begins next month.

MOTOR RACING

Mike Brown, a 26-year-old from Buckinghamshire, will drive a works Seat lbiza in next year's Mobil 1 British Rally Championship after dominating the Seat Finance Super Six series. Peter Dumbreck, from Scotland, who won the Ali-Japan Formula 3 Cham-pionship with three races to spare after five victories. hopes his success will lead to him securing a Formu-la One drive before the end of 1999.

SAILING

Standia Life Courses Week 1998: Class
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2 Vicoric 4 (T De Mulder); 3 Independent
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Trench); 3 Jacobite (S James, J Brinkers
& D King), Class 3 CHS: 1 Thrus: J)
Struth); 2 Aztec (P Beamish); 3 Juice Of
The Moose (A Octon, D Morey), Class 4
CHS: 1 Owl (P Bruce); 2 Morina III (L
Berthillier); 3 Crikey!II (N Theadom),
Class 5 CHS: 1 Saresma [R & A McLeod);
2 Addict (J Undley); 2 Shallot (M Moody);
3 Vampire (D Moore), Class 6 CHS: 1 Purpele Haze (D Judley); 2 Shallot (M Moody);
3 Vampire (D Moore), Class 7 ISC: 1
Drakes Drum (T Rowe); 2 Cocan Venture
(A J Wyeth); 3 Andidore (C Bishop),
Class 8 ISC: 1 Verity Of Cowes (F Hecherington); 2 Lady in Red (R Peperell);
3 Erida (M Robinson), X-99: 1 Expresso
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McIrvine); 3 New Refex (P Blake), Mamma
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Dalen); 3 Warp Factor VI (R Fielder), Sigma 38: 1 Paviova III (G Walker); 2 Solent
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Dalen); 3 Warp Factor VI (R Fielder), Sigma 38: 1 Paviova III (G Walker); 2 Solent
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Bartie); 3 Auditrac (D Harckham), Sanfast 36: 1 Sunsail Thirty One (Chartered
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EUROPEAN OPEN (Plymouth Pauli-ilons) Taird qualifying round: T Knowles (Eng) by K Payne (Eng) 5-4; D McDonnel (Eng) by M Dziewiskowski (Sco) 5-0; P Williams (Mal) by M Gray (Eng) 5-3; M Couch (Eng) bt T Pichit (Thal) 5-1; M Couch (Eng) bt T Williagh (Eng) 5-2; B Plinches (Eng) bt P McUllagh (Eng) 5-3; D P Wallace (N iri) bt T Shaw (Eng) 5-3; D

Walker (Eng) bt L Griffin (Eng) 5-3: W Brown (Eng) bt M PII (Eng) 5-4; C MacGilliwly (Soo) bt H Abernethy (Soo) 5-4; J J Lardner (Soo) bt S Onong (Ma) 5-0; D Guarite (Eng) bt M Fenton (Wal) 5-1; A Burden (Eng) bt D Delaney (Iri) 5-4; C Scan-lon (Eng) bt P McPhillips (Soo) 5-2; J Michle (Eng) bt M Hallett (Eng) 5-2; O King (Eng) bt S Pettman (Eng) 5-2; A Gunnell (Eng) bt L Richardson (Eng) 5-2; K Helgason (Id) bt A Davies (Wal) 5-1.

MERRILL DYNCH WORLD AUGOR MEANS CHAMPOORSHIP (Princeton, US) Second round: Ong Beng Hee (Mai) bit J Jimmez (Coli 9-4-9-3-9-1; N Rooney (ini) bit D S AL Ragam (Kun) 9-6-9-6-9-7: R Junela findia) bit D Woodman (Eng) 6-9-2-5-9-9-3-9-2; G Jones (Mai) bit J Castilla (Col) 9-7-9-4-9-1; J Rooney (ini) bit M Marcus (SA) 9-1-7-9-9-4-9-1; J Rooney (ini) bit M Marcus (SA) 9-1-7-9-4-9-1; M Hussain (Pak) bit D Lageward (Neth) 9-1-90-90; A Grant (Eng) bit M Y Gulum (Kun) 9-3-9-0-9-1 J Willistrop (Eng) bit B Uberoi (In-Ga) 3-3-0-8-9-2; M A Islander (Mai) bit S Lewis (Mai) 9-6-9-9-9-4.

ATP MERCEDES CUP (Los Angeles): Men's singles, fisal: A Agossi (US) bt T Herman (GB) 6-4 6-4. WTA BANK OF THE WEST CLASSIC (Stanford): Whomen's singles, final: L Davenport (US) bt V Williams (US) 6-4 5-7 6-4.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

SCOTTISH LEAGUE First Division (7.30): Airdrie v Clydebank; Falkirk v Ayr; Greenock Morton v Hiberman; Raith v

Hamilton.
SCOTTESM LEAGUE Second Division (7.30): Alica v Forfar. Arbroath v East Pife. Clyde v Cusen of South: Livingston v Striker, Partick v Inverness Cal.
SCOTTESM LEAGUE Third Division of Cr.30): Berwick v Queen's Park; Brechin v Stenhousemuli; Condenbeath v Montrose; Dumbarton v Albion; Ross County East String.
FRIENDLY MATCHES (7.30 unless stated): Boreham Wood v Luton; Bromestrove edi: Boreham Wood v Luton; Bromestrove

ley v Huddersfield (7.00): Farnborough v Aldershot Ta (7.45): Folkestone Invicta v Dover (7.45): Glentoran v Derry City; Grays v West Ham (7.45): Leek Rown v Chester: Luerpool v Inter Milan (7.45): Northampton v Rushein & Diamonds (7.45): Northamond v Hamwell Town; Rushorn v Rochter & Diamonds (7.45): Northamond v Hamwell Town; Rushorn v Rochter & St. Albans v Arsenal XI (7.45): Stoke v Leeds (7.45): Chessa v Atletko Madrid; SK Brann Bergen v Man Utd.

1015pines (Rom) 2.133; 11 P Schreider (Swit) 2,107; 12 D Van Roost (Bet) 1,997; 18 S Tes-tud (Fr) 1,776; 14 A Koumkions (Rots) 1,682; 15 N Zverens (Bela) 1,662; 16 M Pierce (Fr) 1,653; 17 A Suplyama (Japan) 1,567; 18 A Huber (Ger) 1,530; 191, Raymond (US) 1,455; 20 I Majoli (Cros) 1,375.

ATP TOUR GROLSCH OPEN (Amsterdam): Men's singles, Brat round: G Blanco (it) bt T Johansson (Sw) 0-6 6-4 7-5, M Gustafsson (Swe) bt F Merikeni (Br) 6-4 6-3; R Fromberg (Aus) bt A Paule (Rom) 6-3 6-5. D Sanguinetti (Rt) bt A Caletrava (So) 6-7 6-2 7-5.

ATP TOUR RABRONGS: 1 P Sarrguras (US) 3825; 2 M Rocs (Chile) 3719; 3 P Rords (Calep) 3195; 4 C Moya (So) 2902; 5 P Referdand (Swe) 2503; 8 Y Karlenhov (Rus) 2442; 9 R Krajicki (Nech) 2388; 10 A Correta (So) 2902; 11 A Agossi (US) 2200; 12 T Herman (GB) 2163; 13 A Costa (So) 2182; 14 K Klucras (Sovak) 2127; 15 A Bernsategul (So) 1900; 15 G Bantisch (Cro) 1803; 17 February (CR) 2163; 13 A Costa (Sovak) 2127; 15 A Bernsategul (So) 1900; 15 G Bantisch (Cro) 1803; 17 February (So) 1900; 176; 18 T Enquist (Swe) 1737; 19 C Poline (Ft) 1712; 20 M Chang (US) 1653, Other Gist (Talepa) 111; 372 D Sapolord 109; 343 M Mactagan 99; 413 M Lec 75.

WYA TOUR RABRONGS: 1 M Hings (Swit) 5.2 (Bors 2 L Davernoort (US) 4,631; 3) Norotna (Cz Rep) 4,613; 4 A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) 3.264; 5 V Williams (US) 3,098; 6 M Seies (US) 2,838; 7 C Martinez (Sp) 2,77; 8 A Coetzer (SA) 2,133; 11 P Schryder (Swit) 2,107; 12 D Van Roost (Be) 1,99; 1; 8 5 Ee; (VS) 2,107; 12 D Van Roost (Be) 1,99; 1; 8 5 Ee; (VS) 2,107; 2 D Van Roost (Be) 1,99; 1; 8 5 Ee; (VS); 1; 5 Tex (SWIT) 2,107; 1; 8 5 Ee; (VS); 1; 5 Tex (SWIT); 1;

RUGBY UNION CLUB MACTCH: Glasgow Caledonians v Rich-mond (7,00) [at Hughender)



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Clubs 'reject' super league plan

BY NICK HARRIS

THE THREAT of a European super league remained a distinct possibility last night, despite the fact that the Premier League said yesterday that it had received written assurances from its biggest clubs that they did not plan to join it.

approached by a conglomerate of league, but the Premier League erning body]," he said. said in a statement: "We have re-

ceived the written assurances we required from those clubs who have super league may do so outside the are virtually powerless to stop clubs been at the forefront of recent speculation. Our clubs have pledged to work together to take forward a discussion on the future shape of European club competitions.

The statement added: "Talk of civil warfare in the Premiership is simply nonsense." A spokesman said that the next regular meeting Manchester United, Arsenal and of Premiership clubs on 3 Septem-Liverpool have all reportedly been ber would discuss European issues. "We will look then at any further repbusiness, financial and legal inter- resentations we may need to make ests who want them to join a super to Uefa [European football's gov-

control of either the Premier League, Uefa or Fifa, football's

world governing body.
While the Premier League has the potential to take strong action including expulsion - against any club that breaks their rules, it is thought more likely that it would want to work together with its largest clubs to reach a compromise

That compromise may involve a changed format within the existing European structure, but experts in both sports law and European competition law believe that the gov-

are virtually powerless to stop clubs from breaking away if they choose

Uefa in particular may either be forced to concede more financial power to big clubs by changing the structure of their competitions, or face the prospect of losing them.

Professor Tony Downes, a European competition law expert at Uefa's interests to stop being quite so negative in trying to action against the clubs.

"A major fight on this issue is, in the long-term, unlikely to be bene-

Yesterday's developments follow weeks of speculation over a super league, which is thought to be being planned by Media Partners, an Italian-based sports' rights and property company with offices in London and New York

Media Partners' president Rodolfo Hecht, is a former business partner of the owner of Serie A's Milan. Silvio Berlusconi, Hecht is believed Reading University, said: "It's in to have maintained close contact with Berlusconi, who as well as being the former Prime Minister of Italy, is also a media magnate who has been interested in planning a European super league for more than a decade.

ners would not confirm their involvement yesterday but said: "We are interested in all sports, including football."

The precise details of the super league are not known, but it is understood that there would either be one league of 16 teams or a 32-team league split into two divisions, which would play midweek matches. The teams involved would also continue tions. to play in their domestic leagues. With a reported guaranteed income of at least £20m per team involved. possibly the prospect of not having to qualify for the league - there being no promotion for relegation - the

A spokeswoman for Media Part- prospect of being involved may be very attractive to some clubs.

None of the English clubs believed to have been approached have commented publicly on the super league, but a source close to Manchester United said yesterday that he believed the proposals were most likely to end not in a breakaway league, but in major reform of the current European competi-

"The likeliest scenario is Media Partners won't get what they want but that pressure will be bought to bear on Uefa to change." he said. Quite when, or in what way, remains

Villa keen to meet Juninho

illusionment at Atletico Madrid to lure the Brazilian back to the

the player and his advisors Dwight stay than the money.' when Atletico take on Chelsea former Middlesbrough player has been increasingly unhappy since Raddy Antic was replaced by former Italian national coach Arrigo Sacchi.

Any interest from Villa is still ed exposure he got in terms of

stay in the Midlands.

ed have conducted matters particularly well." he said. "They've certainly dragged things out

ASTON VILLA are hoping to and Dwight must be wondering make the most of Juninho's dis- if they really want him.

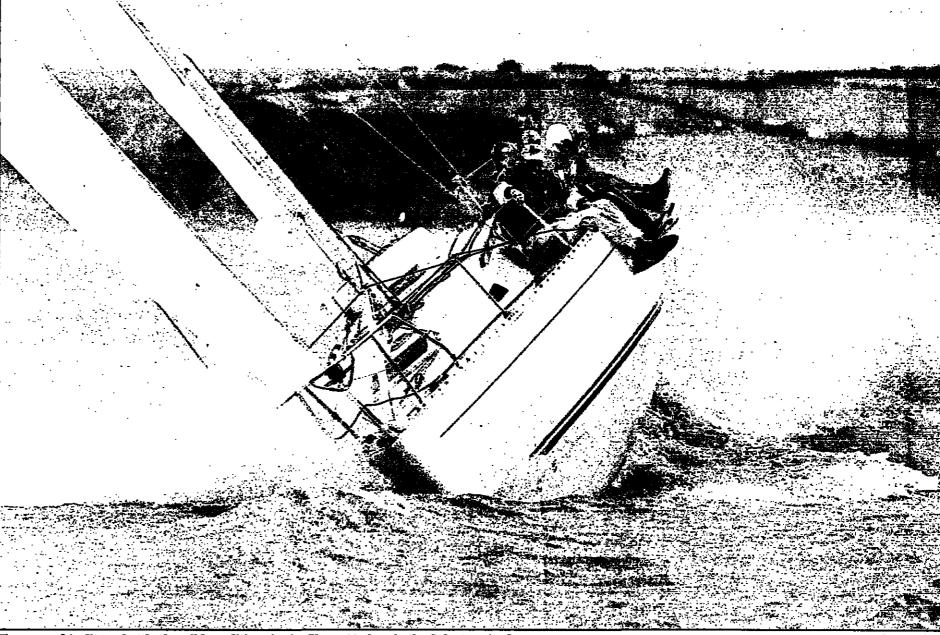
"There's been only one formal offer from United for Dwight Yorke and I've heard John Gregory, the Villa man-ager, is scheduled to meet with case I would rather have

However, Gregory may find tonight in the Netherlands. The that United are about to increase their interest in Yorke after Patrick Kluivert yesterday turned down a move to Old Trafas coach of the Spanish giants ford, preferring instead to stay with Milan

United, who had missed the deadline for their Champions' in the preliminary stages, with League qualifying match Gregory first having to estab- against Poland's LKS Lodz, lish whether Juninho wants to had hoped the deal for Kluivert return to England. One of the would be done in time for him reasons the player cited for to make his debut in Sunday's leaving England was the limit- Charity Shield with Arsenal.

Milan had already accepted selection for the national team. a bid of around £9m from Unit-Gregory is also hoping that ed for the player, who scored such a signing would convince two goals for the Netherlands Dwight Yorke of Villa's ambition during the World Cup and his and might persuade him to personal terms were the only obvious stumbling block. How-Gregory yesterday com- ever, the player stalled over the plained of his frustration at move, apparently preferring to United's failure to resolve the sign for a London club if he was Yorke saga. "I don't think Unit- to swap Serie A for the Pre-

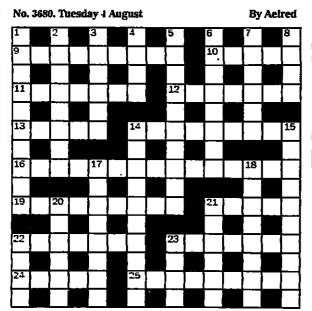
No move for Gillespie.



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Robert Hallam

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Sailors overboard as Cowes suffers gales

By Stuart Alexander at Cowes

CHAOS CAME to the Solent vesterday as fierce winds lashed competitors at Cowes week, with several yachtsmen being washed overboard and others suffering broken bones as a dozen masts came crashing down.

As the wild weather brought out lifeboats and the coastguard's helicopter, half a dozen people were taken to hospital with broken arms and wrists. Many yachts were stranded aground to be buffeted by the rising tide, bringing a stream of work to the teams working overnight to repair sails.

In emphatic style, the Solent answered the weekend's complaints about light winds and, with a full house of a south-westerly gale, bumpy, short seas and driving rain, about 75 of the 800 competing yachts decided to victory. Not least, Harry Cudenough was enough even before more and crew, taking Peter hostilities began, and way over 100 decided that retirement to its second Class I win in two was the better part of valour.

Nick Bonham went over the side of the 80ft Maxima for an involuntary swim, though his on Sunday. skipper Johnny Caulcutt was not unduly worried. Caulcutt was right as Bonham was safely back on board at the second attempt to pick him up. And Bonham was not the only one a third in his bid for the Capto tump ship on a day when survival skills were more important than sailing subtlety.

Wild gybes also took their toll, Nigel Bramwell's Hawk spectacularly shredding the mainsail and Adam Gosling 65, a guest with a broken arm, and permanent skipper Steve Dodd with a fractured wrist.

But, while ambulances were shuttling between Cowes Yacht Haven and St Mary's Hospital the tough were riding the waves

Harrison's 50-footer Russe Noir days and adding the Sir Walter Preston Challenge Cup to the Glazebrook Challenge Cup won

In the X-Boat fleet, where at times it felt as though there was more water in the boat than outside, the Hamble fleet's Peter Baines, a former winner, added tain's Cup. His major problem could be a recurring knee injury. And there was praise for the way the designer's son, Peter Thomas, calmly steered David Knight's Bogo Pogo on the spinnaker run in the Hunter 707 having two taken off his Swan Class to win by six minutes. Making light of it all and

notching up another win in the Dragon class was local shipping company boss Eric Williams with, in third place, the eightysomething Pat Dyas' Jerboa. Warlord blown out, page 25

TVM riders questioned by police

FALL-OUT FROM the Tour de France, which ended on Sunday, continued yesterday as a French judge placed a TVM masseur under formal investigation and police questioned 14 of the Dutch team's riders and officials as the probe into dop-

ing gathered momentum. Johannes Moors was detained on suspicion of possessing harmful substances and don't think they will be put other riders. and breaking France's anti- under official examination be-

doping and customs laws. cause they are innocent. I hope TVM's director, Cees Priem, we can go back to the Netherand doctor, Andrei Mikhailov, were placed in custody last week for the same reason.

Reims police are questioning six riders from the TVM team - Jeroen Blijlevens, Steven De Sergei Outschankov. Jan Van Het Hoge, the team's cook, said the riders "are all very at ease

lands quickly.

Riders from the Casino and ONCE teams are also expected to be called in for questioning, judicial sources said

Under the current doping Jongh, Servais Knaven, Bart law in France, riders are not Voskamp, Sergei Ivanov and prosecuted unless they have contributed to a fund for the purchase of performance-enhancing drugs, or sell them to

Tour of shame, page 20

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Monica

an A to Zippergate of the affair

BY MARY DEJEVSKY

ttorneys. Since this is the United States, these are the only people who have absolutely nothing to lose from Zippergate, whatever the outcome. Bill Clinton has a whole posse. Some, like Bruce Lindsey (see below), come with the job and are paid by the taxpayer, and their conversations, it was recently ruled, may not be confidential. Clin-

ton's personal lawyer is the quiet, nonforthcoming David Kendall. Monica is now on her third team of lawyers: the first set, recommended by a White House trusty, Vernon Jordan, were replaced early on by a friend of the Lewinsky family, William Ginsburg. When Ginsburg appeared to like the limelight too much, setting the record for Sunday TV talk show appearances, he was replaced by Plato Cacheris and Jacob Stein, a couple of established Washington "insiders" who know how to work the system. Everyone who has ever been summoned to testify in the five-year Clinton-related investigation has his/her own attorney, each one making work for many more.

Bill - William Jefferson Clinton, 42nd President of the Unit-ed States, former state governor of Arkansos and knowledged was a state governor of Arkansos knowledged womaniser, also known (to Monica) as The Creep. Bill would prefer to be solving the country's health and pension problems, visiting China or Russia, or raising millions of dollars for the Democratic Party (when he is not playing on the White House lawn with his dog, Buddy). But since his Zippergate broke on an unsuspecting world in January, he has spent his time fathoming out how to say as little as possible about a woman called Monica. He has endlessly denied having an affair with her (or with anyone else, for that matter, except once, long ago, with a girl called Gennifer - see below). Famous (last?) words: 'I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Ms Lewinsky.'

B is also for Bruce - (Lindsey): lawyer, deputy White House counsel and long-time Friend of Bill (FOB) from their days in Arkansas. If anyone in the White House knows the truth about Bill and Monica, it is Bruce.

helsea (Clinton) – as in "Poor Chelsea": 18-year-old daugh-🖈 ter of Bill and Hillary. First appearance as awkward teenager with brace on her teeth, butt of ugly duckling jokes during Bill's first presidential campaign. Now a ballet-loving swan about to start her second year studying medicine at the prestigious West Coast Stanford



University, which is, possibly not coincidentally, about as far as you can get from Washington DC in the continental United States The most charitable explanation for Bill's denials (if they are untrue); to shield Chelsea and Hillary (see below).

ress - "that dress" in dark blue, bought by Monica from The Gap, and currently in FBI labs to be tested for semen stains (or, as the US media prefer, "physical evidence of a relationship"). Its existence was reported in January. and deliberately confused by White House with a souvenir T-shirt that Bill gave to Monica after his holiday in Martha's Vineyard. The dress that Monica apparently said she would 'never wash" was surrendered to prosecutors as a key element of Mon-

ica's immunity deal D is also for Dolly (Kyle Browning) - Bill's school sweetheart and now a Texas lawyer, who wrote a novel based - she says - on their 30-year relationship, which she could not get published. She claims intimidation by Bill over many years and is suing for compensation.

vidence - physical evidence of wrong-doing has been very 4 thin on the ground over the five years of Starr's investigation. Hence the excitement over "that dress".

BI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) - called in by Ken Starr in January to "wire up" Linda Tripp to tape her friend Monica. Called in again in July to test Dress for semen stains.

ennifer (Flowers) - pretty, "sassy" blonde, former nightclub singer and TV journalist from Arkansas, who nearly ruined Bill's chances of the presidency in 1992 when she alleged that they had had a 12-year affair. The only "other" woman Bill admits to having had sex with, just once. Gennifer's recollection is different.



illary (Rodham Clinton) ~ wife of Bill since 1975, mother of Chelsea. Rescued Bill from Gennifer problem, sitting beside him on CBS TV sofa and holding his hand as he confessed to having "caused pain in my marriage". Rescued him again in January, when she blamed his Monica problem on a "vast right-wing conspiracy". Always loyally at Bill's side when he's in political girl trouble, but will she stay after he leaves office?



npeachment - the only way to get rid of a president. A trial by the US Congress that could remove Bill from office if he L were found guilty of a "high crime or misdemeanour". There is much legal discussion about whether simple perjury would

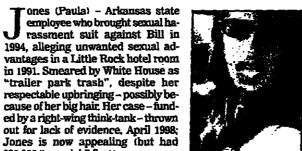
I is also for Intern: un- or underpaid young person on work experience programme; White House has hundreds of them every year, including, in 1995, Monica. Now discouraged career path for "nice" girls and target of innumerable nudge, nudge jokes: Among duties of White House intern? "Servicing Air Force One". I is also for Internet - home of the Drudge Report, whose one reporter, Matt Drudge, has brought many of the scoops in this

story. Also where hundreds of websites relate Monica and Bill

jokes in the worst possibly taste, illustrated by equally unsubtle

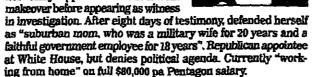
ones (Paula) - Arkansas state employee who brought sexual harassment suit against Bill in 1994, alleging unwanted sexual advantages in a Little Rock hotel room in 1991. Smeared by White House as "trailer park trash", despite her respectable upbringing - possibly because of her big hair. Her case - funded by a right-wing think-tank - thrown

\$20,000 "nose job" first).



en (Starr) – independent prosecutor appointed August 1993 to investigate charges of fraud and cover-up in the Clintons' Whitewater land deal in Arkansas. Investigations expanded by the month, to include the sacking of White House travel office staff, the transfer to White House of FBI personal files to the White House, and - in January, 1998 - Monica. Denounced by Friends of Bill as politically motivated; defended by others as a meticulous lawyer, just doing his job. Pillar of establishment most often seen on TV wheeling his dustbin back from the kerb in the early morning.

inda (Tripp): colleague and older woman friend of Monica lat White House and later at the Pentagon - who secretly taped Monica's account of her affair with Bill and - oh horror - passed tapes to Ken. Dubbed "most reviled woman in America" for betraying the trust of her friend, and butt of unkind jokes about her bulky appearance. Underwent



L is also for Lucianne (Goldberg) - New York literary agent who was approached by Linda about publishing a book about her experience of the Clinton White House. A prime source of reliable "leaks" - "that dress", gifts from Clinton - based on what Linda has told her. She says the dress has three stains.

onica (Lewinsky): plumpish Valley girl from rich and discordant family in Beverly Hills. now 25, White House intern from June 1995 and one of very few to get a permanent job after internship. Transferred to Pentagon public affairs office in April 1996 after hanging around Bill's office too much. Had too security clearance and foreign travel privileges. Told Linda all about Bill in more than 20 hours of phone calls, which Linda taped. Logged as visiting the White House 37 times in the 18 yet bring down a months after she was transferred. Claims Bill called her from Bosnia before Christmas and wore a tie she gave him on TV. January: denied affair with Bill under oath.

July: agreed to give evidence in return for immunity from pros-

ecution for perjury.

M is also for Marcia (Lewis) – Monica's "mom"; savvy socialite who marries well - most recently in thick of daughter's investigation - to a New York husinessman... Monica's confidente through the darkest days of January revelations. May have kept "the dress" as evidence and bargaining-counter. Shared her flat in Washington's Watergate complex with Monica.

ewsweek - got cold feet about scandal uncovered by their star investigative reporter, Michael Isikoff, in January, and pulled it from magazine, only to be scooped by Matt. Drudge, maverick Internet reporter and gossip-monger (who has made the running on this story) and then the Washington Post. which printed Moni-

ca story first on 21 January. Newsweek has been running to

nion Polls (Bill's salvation) – so far, his popularity ratings have held up remarkably well, even rising in the first nonth after scandal broke. More than 60 per cent of Americans now say that they think: Bill is doing a good job as president, that he had an affair with Monica and fied about it, and they don't care. As dramatic fall in Nixon's popularity in latter stages of Watergate showed, though, polls can be treacherous.

erjury – what Bill would be guilty of if he lied when he de-nied having an affair with Monica when he gave evidence under oath to the Paula Jones investigation.

uit? - Not Bill, not on past form.

epublicans - in Congress are some of Clinton's keenest Supporters: they don't want infamy of bringing down a president and they don't want Al Gore to get a head start for the 2000 election by gaining the presidency by default in advance.

ubpoena - Bill became almost the last person in the White House (and the first sitting president) to be served with one on 17 July, but he kept quiet about it until he agreed to testify "voluntarily", when it was withdrawn. Proliferation of subpoenas in Washington during Bill's tenure has created new affliction: subpoena envy.

Tapes (gudio and video) - crucial to this case: Linda's tapes of Monica's confessions; Monica's tapes of Bill on her answering ma-





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chine, FBI tapes of Linda taping Monica, and Bill's taped evidence in the Paula Jones case and - on 17 August - to the Monica investigation.

'nited Nations – made Monica a job offer via Bill (Richardson), then US ambassador to the UN. He conducted the interview in the Watergate complex where he too has a flat. But Monica turned down the job; she didn't want to go to New York, and the money wasn't good



Ternon (Jordan) - Washington businessman of infinite plausibility and Clinton's chief "fixer", who set Monica up with her first team of lawyers and then found her a job at Revion (which she accepted, but Revion later withdrew). Sits on multiple boards and committees and knows everyone who is anyone. One of first to be subpoensed.

Thitewater – Arguably where it all began. Endlessly com-plicated (and failed) land deal in Arkansas on which Bill and Hillary say they lost money. Ken took over the yearold investigation five years ago tomorrow (5 August); 40m dollars of taxpayers' money later, he is still not done. Monica case was tagged on to Whitewater as further example, perhaps, of Clintonian obstruction of justice.

7-rated: most of the evidence that matters, causing angst in middle-class suburbs across America. We can no Longer watch the news with our kids, say straitlaced parents. "Daddy, What's oral sex?" Acceptable answer: "Not written

7ou – "I'm you, I'm just like you," says Linda, trying to justify taping her erstwhile friend Monica, to Americans who value lovalty above truth - at least in sex.

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Gaining currency

Sir: Christopher Johnson (Brown wants stability: he has given us stop-go, 30 July) has explained our way into the EMU, or rather, to another probationary period in the ERM, more clearly than most Euro-enthusiasts. We must briskly wind our interest rate down towards 4 per cent, while containing inflation by briskly increasing taxes on consumers. the people who "spend money in supermarkets".

These are the people who already pay more heavily than they know every week, for EU disasters such as the common agricultural and fisheries policies, for our endless EU trade deficit, and for its hostility to developing countries and to free trade outside its boundaries. Contempt for the interests and awareness of the ordinary electorate seems to be a hallmark of Euro-enthusiasts everywhere. It is the essence of the EU's "democratic deficit". Mr Johnson's argument

assumes that the European Central Bank, and the plotting squabbling cabal of EMU political leaders, will display a level of fiscal prudence, probity and expertise, not to mention political honesty, not available among our own politicians. The Bank has just been created. It is untried, unstaffed, and already a political football, due to the diverging self-interests of the French and German blocs. The leaders of the main EMU countries used an extraordinary variety of one-off fiscal fiddles to try to meet their own agreed fiscal criteria for EMU membership. Having failed, they have agreed to ignore the criteria. The Maastricht Treaty meant nothing; the Stability Pact will mean nothing. What if it is unilaterally breached by, say, France? Civil war? To placate their suffering electorates, these same leaders have promised various kinds of jam tomorrow, to be paid for by somebody else - mainly the Germans, who are understandably getting tired of this. We should commit our economic and political future to such people, and to vetoes from mighty Luxembourg?

The EMU is the hastily botched vehicle of a fragile Franco-German entente resting on basically divergent political agendas. It is supported by a bunch of other, mostly minor states, which expect to prosper further at the expense of France, Germany and, preferably, us. We don't need it, our membership is not inevitable, it is inefficient, inward-looking and undemocratic. It is also the natural progression of the EU, which we should leave now. M J KNIGHT

SIR: A new European Commission poll showing that support for the single currency is running neck and neck with opposition confirms the sharp move in public opinion that many have detected since the General Election.

The Government's positive stance towards EMU, coupled with London NW3 the fact that the Euro is now virtually a reality has clearly made an impact. People are increasingly focusing on a choice between a single currency with lower interest rates, lower inflation, more jobs and a means to tackle currency speculation - and life outside the single currency, with higher interest rates, an over-valued pound and currency instability.

How ironic that this new poll is published just after Francis Maude, the new Shadow Chancellor, declared that he could not foresee any circumstances in which a Conservative government would ever join the single currency.

Never has it been clearer that the Tories are putting outdated dogma ahead of the country's economic interests. BILL RAMMELL MP House of Commons

The noble art.

Sir: In his fascinating contribution about bare-knuckle boxing ("Last king of the knuckle brigade". I August) Clive Gammon condemns

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Continuing our series on car boot sales, a browser checks out retro LPs at a sale in Flixton, near Bungay, Suffolk

Brian Harris

it thus: "a bare-knuckle fight of the barbaric kind that has been illegal since the Offences Against the Person Act of 1861". But the irony is that (illegal) bare-knuckle boxing is much safer than the (legal sport with gloves.

An average heavy-weight boxer's gloved fist delivers a blow which is equivalent to half a ton travelling at 20 mph. And it is known that every heavy blow causes localised damage to the surface of the brain as it moves to and fro inside the skull. There is only one way to make boxing safer while retaining its appeal and that is to remove the gloves and return to bare-knuckle boxing. The power of the fighters' blows will automatically be reduced to avoid breaking the bones of their hands. DR H C GRANT

Drug-free sports

Sir: I am forced to wonder if Philip Hensher ("Only the French could make a farce of the Tour de France", 31 July) really realises what he is saying?

If doping should be accepted in cycling, presumably it should be acceptable in all other sports: where does he draw the line?

I believed that the essence of competitive sport was the "unaided" relative skill of individuals or teams. After all, are we not constantly exhorted to recognise the contribution to health and character-building which sport is supposed to bring to individuals and the nation (and never to question the enormous vested interests of so many of the exhorters, be they manufacturers, media promoters, or physical educators)?

But Hensher does not have the courage of his convictions, or would he not have ended by calling for abandonment of all restrictions on extraneous aids to peak performance in cycling?

And if cycling, why not all other sports? Look here, he is effectively saying, sport is great entertainment and we shouldn't care how the entertainment is

By all means, but let us not be further subjected to the financial demands of the sports industry for funding, distortion of the school timetable, and sanctimonious exhortation by all those with vested interests.

And so, what next in the reevaluation of values? Freedom to add sand to sugar, chalk to flour? Ever heard of honesty? **BRIAN ALLT** Sudbury, Suffolk

Small shops' battle

Sir: So we hear that the Office of Fair Trading is going to investigate the profits of the big four supermarkets, and small shopkeepers (like me) are said to

Sir: While I agree with

Suzanne Moore (Friday

Review, 31 July) that the

become very tedious, Ms

another is pure fantasy.

people not exist?

Clinton-Lewinsky debate has

Moore's assertion that no-one

has the right to use power over

As much as we don't like to

admit it, we all lie and we all

use power over others. We use

the power of intellect, position,

age and authority. Where does

Perhaps in the nirvana that

a power relationship between

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along the best we can, nasty

little humans that we are.

PETER DA VANZO

bargaining power with suppliers. We are so small that we are in a similar position to the consumer; in fact, in a worse position, because the Government recognised years ago that consumers need protection since they lack

IN BRIEF

Sir: Kevin Gaston suggests

millionaire winners to serve in

an upper chamber would give

all adults an equal opportunity

of participating (Letters, 31

population which never buys

Sir: Any new national anthem

continue to reflect the loyalty

of most British people to our

monarchy, which has played an

integral part in our country's

proud history. It was because

James VI of Scotland (from

whom our present Prince of

(Letters, 3 August) should

July). He is wrong. The

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lottery tickets would be

JANE COOPER

Northampton

that requiring lottery

party, but this one isn't.

What is important is the

to suppliers and the effective

the same goods (after all

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prices paid by supermarkets for

discounts, inducements, rebates,

payments for advantageous shelf

The difference is so enormous

The OFT is supposed to keep an

eye on anti-competitive practices.

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shops like ours are labelled as

expensive when we're not.

The problem is that small

businesses like ours have no

space that the supermarkets

extract from suppliers, etc).

prices paid by small shopkeepers

be rejoicing. Well, sorry to spoil the bargaining power, thus lending them some statutory support. I do not believe that this

government, any more than any other government, is prepared to grasp this nettle. I await with a sinking feeling the exoneration of the big four supermarket companies. TOM INNES

Sir: Overheard in Covent Garden Fruit Market:

Monmouth

Question: What is the difference between a Sainsbury's buyer and a terrorist?

Answer: You can negotiate with a terrorist WILLIAM F LONG

Racist healthcare

Sir: It is well known that people who experience mental health services and many people from

Wales descends 17 times) inherited the English throne as James I that Great Britain came into existence: and with modern developments of devolution the unifying power of our sovereign will be increasingly needed. MRS JENNIFER MILLER London SW15

SIR: "Care in the community was based on lofty and widely held ideals" (30 July). No it wasn't. That was the attractive phrase that Mrs Thatcher used, successfully, to con us all into believing that she had the interests of the patients at heart. But no money was ever found to carry out the caring. Mrs Thatcher emptied the big mental hospitals to sell them. DR HELEN GRANT London NW3

black and ethnic minority communities have grave

reservations about the clinical

practice of psychiatry. The implementation of compulsory powers under present circumstances (ie the 1983 Mental Health Act) is riddled with racism and cultural insensitivity resulting in inequality and injustice - a fact evident from reports of the Mental Health Act Commission and I believe well known to ministers.

Basically, the system of (Western) psychiatry used in the mental health services is both insensitive to the cultural diversity of our society and fails to counteract problems arising from institutional racism. And there is as yet no indication that the government has either the political will or the strategy to remedy these difficulties.

Frank Dobson's letter to Dr Graham Thornicroft does not indicate that he is looking to the committee headed by the latter for anything like a radical examination of psychiatric practice and of course he would not have given the chairmanship of the committee to a psychiatrist from the mainstream of institutional psychiatry if he had!

My fear is that unless the problems inherent in current pyschiatric practice are tackled first, the proposed changes (round-the-clock crisis teams, extra hostels etc) would have little effect - and in some cases may make matters much worse both for people diagnosed as "mentally ill" and the general public. And worrying to me as a psychiatrist is that the already tarnished reputation of pyschiatry as a racist and insensitive discipline that is merely a front for social control would be worsened. DR SUMAN FERNANDO Consultant Psychiatrist Senior Lecturer in Mental Health University of Kent and Canterbury

Getting a bad name

Sir: I am not as hung up about nurses' use of given names as Lord Stoddart or Mr Beck (Letters, 3) July) - and can see that calling patients by their first name sidesteps the possibility of the equally deeply-felt offence for women mis-addressed as Miss, Ms or Mrs.

However, at least Mr Beck knew whom nurses were addressing when they called him John. Spare a thought for those of us not called by our first names. There is someone called Evan who masquerades as . me in the dentist's chair and on credit cards. Still, this does give n and instant

means of telling whether letterwriters really know me: letters addressed to "Dear Evan" do not get read! ROGER MORGAN Carshalton. Surrey

Sir: I quite agree that it is irritating to be automatically addressed by one's first name by NHS staff. This is nothing, however, compared with the indignity of being called "dear", "darling" and "sweetheart" by nurses young enough to be the patient's granddaughter, which is what happened to me. It would not be so bad if they meant it. GEOFFREY HEATH High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire

Sir: Not only was my husband always called by his first name. which he did not use, but the final insult was when the nurse asked me if he could sign his name. I thought he was going to leap out of his wheelchair and throttle her SHEILA M BARROW Birmingham

Rebel priest

Sir: Your report on Father Pat Buckley ("Rebel bishop to ordain women priests", 3 August) includes three quotations beginning, "I think..." That is the key. He has acted for many years now on the basis of his own views rather than on the teaching and discipline of the Catholic Church.

He is not, as he probably describes himself. "a rebel Irish bishop". He is a rebel Irish priest who recently had himself clandestinely ordained bishop by another clandestine bishop. Catholic bishops are ordained in a gathering of bishops who witness to the communion of the Church, after proper appointment. Pat Buckley and Michael Cox did the deed secretly and announced it later; both knew and accepted that they would be automatically excommunicated; it is much more than "a technical breach of canon law". **HUGH LINDSAY** Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle.

Exonerate Bentley

Sir: The long overdue recognition of the awful injustice meted out to Derek Bentley and others wrongly convicted calls not for pardon royal or otherwise - but for full and unconditional exoneration. This is also true of those servicemen executed for "cowardice in the face of the enemy", when they were, as is now officially recognised, much more likely to have suffered psychological trauma under hideous circumstances.

To "pardon", ie to "forgive", in such cases is quite inappropriate. It is those responsible for the injustice and the state on whose behalf it was perpetrated who should ask for forgiveness. STAN UNDERWOOD

Cardinal sins

Sir: God destroyed the Sodomites because he didn't like what they were doing. But I am not clear why the Gomorrans got it. The reason must lie with one or more of the following: playing pop music very loud, thinking up the Spice Girls, inventing cricket, privatising the railway system. Are there other possibilities? ROGER PAYNE Belper, Derbyshire

Welcome to the National Ice Cream Death Museum

PARENTS! ARE you having a bad time trying to keep your children amused? Are you running out of educational but interesting things to do this wet summer? We come to the rescue today with a list of lesser-known museums and craft places round the country, all of them fun and all of them free! Note to dads: none of these museums has a McDonald's anywhere nearbu!

Note to mums: they all have lavatories attached! Especially the National Toilet Museum in the

The National Pre-Childhood Museum, Leeds

Many museums are devoted to childhood - to dolls, to toys, to games and so on - which has obscured the fact that for many peo-

ple today and for most people in yesteryear, childhood did not really exist. Children went out to work, or looked after the farm or home. Reality for them was sweeping chimneys, working in factories or herding sheep. This museum celebrates the hard times of our vanished childhood. Director Claud Treadle says: "You'd be amazed how today's children love climbing up our grim Victorian Chimney Experience, or even getting into our treadmill and operating it for hours. To make it more modern, we also have Pakistani-style workshops where you can manufacture England playing strip or cheap foot-

National Feng Shui Centre More careful planning went into the siting of the National Feng Shui ever planned in Britain. After 10 years of consultation and more than two dozen Chinese experts being involved, it was finally decided to build it in a remote part of Cornwall. So far attendance figures have been disappointing. "I cannot be quoted on this, obviously," says Feng Shui Centre director Harold Xerxes, "but we may have put it in a very stupid place.'

National Ice Cream Death Museam, Derbyshire Perhaps the most unusual display anywhere in Britain this small but

lively museum is devoted to major accidents, deaths and disasters caused by ice cream, from the great M65 pile-up of 1981 (caused by a discarded vanilla tub, on which a lorry skidded) to the case of the



MILES KINGTON

Are you running out of educational but interesting things to do this wet summer?

Sussex child who swallowed a wooden ice cream spoon in 1967 and still walks around happily with

it inside. Anyone who has any new ice cream disaster to report should ring their Cones Hot Line (sic).

Transport Plans Of The Past, near Exit 3, M25

New transport plans have been put forward almost every year since the Romans arrived, but very few have ever been carried out. This display brings some of the best from the past, and some of the wackiest, including plans for an enormous 16horse stagecoach to get 40 people from London to Bath in less than a day.

National Toilet Museum, The **Potteries**

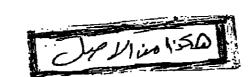
You would think with our British obsession with toilets, that we would have had a national museago. This one, at last, has it all – the history of the flush, outside lavvies from all over, royal loos from different palaces, and genuine sheets from the 1930s Daily Mirror torn out and hung on a nail on the wall. There is a display of the evolution of the public convenience (labelled rather coyly "A Penny For Your Thoughts") and even a history of lavatory jokes from medieval graffiti to modern videos of Ben Elton.

Museum of Defunct Museums Where do the exhibits of yesteryear go? To here if they're lucky! Yes, in the Museum of Defunct Museums you will find relics of such long-gone collections as Queen Victoria's Comb Collection and the short-lived Darwinism Disproved Display, funded by the Church of England um devoted to the subject years in 1869, and more modern casual-

ties such as Ginseng House and Newcastle's Gazza Gallery.

National Ambalance Collection

Not quite so many people have passions for ambulances as they do for buses and trains, but there are enough of them to make this display viable. "Ambulancemanis combines two deep British passions," says head curator Archie Foot, "love of speed and hypchondria. What dizzier experience for the average Brit than to go through a red traffic light feeling poorly! And you should see the faces of the passers-by when we have our annual vintage ambulance rally! One ambulance driver going like a mad man is always exciting to come across - can you imagine the effect of seeing 20 or 30 in a row, all with bells and sirens going?"



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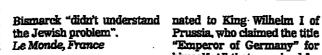
successors of the first Reich Chancellor, who had united Germany with skill and force. But German politics is unthinkable without seeing it in the context of Bismarck - the good as well as the bad. On 29 October 1996 Helmut Kohl sched Konrad Adenauer's record tenure in office, and could beneaforth set his eyes on matching Bismarck's longeviby But Kohl derives his trength from another tradition

of the Exchequer.

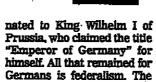
- the pro-European Catholic values of Adenauer." General-Anzeiger, Germany

THE GERMAN left continues to be cautious where Bismarck is concerned: the SDP and "Green" party were violently opposed to the creation of a "Bismarck Foundation" financed with public funds, in 1994. But it is less and less frequently that we see Bismarck as precursor to the Nazis. Anyway, Hitler was of the opinion that, in spite of all his talents, **MONITOR**

ALL THE NEWS OF THE WORLD Comment on the centenary of Otto von Bismarck's death



BISMARCK FORGED the Reich Germans is federalism. The of German princes, subordi- Reich represented unification



Bismarck in his time, Helmut

Kohl was not the initiator of unification." Welt am Sonntag, Germany BISMARCK WAS a prisoner of the 18th century, and especially of the political precedent Germany

crown: namely Bismarck." Süddeutsche Zeitung,

from above, rather like the act set by Frederick II of Prussia. of state-building we are cur- He was thus reduced to the unrently experiencing with the conditional pursuit of objec-European Union. In 1989 the tives which served only one purpose: the preservation and extension of the power of the Prussian state. It was in the interest of the state to sanction no representative or legitimate

push for German re-unification came from below, driven by Central Europe's "Away from Moscow" movement. Unlike parliament. Rather, power was vested in one man who regarded himself the most important vassal of the Prussian

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Two ways to stop paedophiles who travel for sex

THE FOREIGN Office minister Derek Fatchett has just arrived back from the Far East and announced an international conference to be held next October on paedophile sex tourism: an activity which takes Western men to foreign countries in order to buy the services of child prostitutes. There could not be a clearer target for a government with a declared ethical foreign policy - a term that is otherwise beginning to have a sadly oxymoronic ring to it.

First things first. Arguments about child sexuality and cultural relativity are completely inappropriate in this context. There is no such thing as acceptable child abuse, and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child could not be clearer. The issue at stake is all the more transparent because, in addition to victimising the most powerless in any society - the children - this is also a question of economics.

Paedophiles who travel abroad for an activity because it has too much social danger attached to it in this country and, even more sadly, is more expensive here are taking advantage of one of the most unpleasant truisms of international capitalism; any vice can be catered for at a price. If you can't find it in your immediate environment, go where the people are more desperate. They are bullies sexually and economically - which has to be one of the most noxious combinations known to humanity; it cannot be possible to do enough to stamp it out.

There are two ways you can subsequently approach this, and given the vast scale of the problem - an estimated 1 million children join the international sex trade each year, with 650,000 working in Asia alone - both are appropriate.

The first is to tackle it from the Western end by stopping paedophiles exporting their warped behaviour. Difficulties abound - after all, unlike football hooliganism abroad there is no such thing as a paedophile "season". But there is some advantage to be had in Britain from the Sex Offenders Act of last year and the resulting register of sex offenders. Why, for example, are registered paedophiles not forced to specify their destinations when they go abroad? And why don't convictions for child sex abuse show up on domestic criminal records?

It is all very well, one might very well say, to hold a conference declaring the need for greater international sharing of information about paedophiles, but, if the



information is not collected and available in the first place, all the fine sentiments in the world will not help. Secondly, you can clamp down on child prostitution

in the destination countries themselves, which is the larger project of the two because of the lucrative nature of prostitution and the grinding poverty it is often associated with. It is worth remembering also that the problem of prostitution among children cannot be eradicated by simply improving the lot of the children and offering alternative employment opportunities for them. Many children support their families with their earnings - so the issues are something that must be looked

at and dealt with flexibly. Paedophile sex tourism is undeniably a problem in terms of the scope of human misery, the numbers involved and geographical ubiquity. However, like many of the largest obstacles, it is probably best to think of it in terms of what can be accomplished in a practical and immediate way.

For instance, Durham police sent a team of advisers to Manila in November last year at the suggestion of the British embassy. They went to share their best practice experience on how to talk to child prostitutes and victims of sexual abuse. As the officer in charge of the project explained, if one's interviewing techniques are not as sensitive as they might be then you may not get the information about the abusers which could lead to their capture. Small steps but important ones.

These Iraq talks are achieving nothing

THE REGULAR meetings between the United Nations weapons inspector, Richard Butler, and the Iraqi ministers have become an endless litany of polite hopes and practical hopelessness. Each time, Butler comes out saying that the inspectorate is close to completing its work and sanctions should soon be lifted. To which Tariq Aziz, the smooth-talking deputy leader, replies that sanctions are no longer justified, that Iraq has fully complied with the resolutions and that maintaining punitive measures is simply a plot by the Americans to keep Iraq on its knees.

There is more truth to this than America's allies, Britain in particular, may care to admit. The ritual in Baghdad is being played out at the expense of Iraq's ordinary citizens, as many as 2 million of whom have been brought to the edge of starvation by sanctions. America does want to bring Saddam Hussein down. His continued presence in the Middle East makes a mockery of its victory in the Gulf war and is increasingly embarrassing to its relations with the Arab world. The Arab Middle East is tired of a conflict that has all the appearances of a West-versus-East act of bullying and has made Saddam Hussein, one of its history's most vicious tyrants, appear as a victim.

For the more cynical, there is also a case for arguing that America, at this stage, does not want the complete collapse in oil prices that unrestrained increases in Iraqi exports would bring. It would damage terribly both American (and North Sea) oil producers at home, and Saudi Arabia and the other pro-Western regimes in the Gulf. The problem for America is that it does not know what to do. It can't seem to bring Saddam Hussein down, and yet it is loth to let him off the hook. Pressed by Congress, President Clinton has come up with a plan that spends \$5m on promoting a "Free Iraq" Radio and another \$5m on bolstering the exiled opposition. No one seriously believes that either will have much effect on a dictatorship that has used every outside pressure to increase its own power

Thus sanctions have become a gesture not of intent or of value - they may even make Hussein's hold over his country stronger, not weaker - but of lack of alternative. They should not be. If the object is really to topple the regime and reintroduce Iraq into the Middle Eastern fold, then there is a lot to be said for relieving sanctions and promoting the free trade of goods and ideas, these have had far more success in bringing down Communism than ever force has. Why not in the Middle East too? The time has come for a new strategy to cope with the Butcher of Baghdad.

The least formed Prime Minister since William Pitt the Younger

I HAVE never been sure whether the rivalry now extant. The first is what Freud called the "narcissism of minor columns of those who write about difference". According to this argu-"sources" and "friends of" cabinet ment, Brown and Blair are so close in ministers are full of deep insights denied to the great unlunched, or just ideological terms that - deprived of substantial issues to argue about bollocks. Certainly I have managed (I their offices fall to seeking to outthink) to maintain a good record on manoeuvre each other in the columns predicting things in British politics, of newspapers and on TV news bulwithout indulging the appetites of letins. The second, which some on the barefaced ministerial advisers or left particularly like to believe, is that wrapping myself in Drapery. I tipped there is indeed a big ideological gap, Kinnock to succeed Foot (Hattersley with Brown as the custodian of was then the favourite). Major to traditional statist values, and Blair as take over from Thatcher, Hague from a parvenu suburban, concerned Major and - after the 92 election mostly for the sensibilities of Mondeo Blair to lead Labour to victory. And all Man and Clio Woman. this unremarkable success was Any of these arguments could have achieved through by a kind of Asimovelements of truth about them, I supian psychohistory: look at the trends.

examine the trajectory, put yourself in pose. But not enough, I would contend to explain anything. Blair is less of a he politicians' shoes - and predict. Labour insider than Brown, and is -Last week, sources were once I believe - viscerally hostile to the big again all over the place, offering battalions (the trade unions) who their anonymous interpretations of once ruled the party. But those who the reshuffle, and helping to explain the interesting reasons why the joursee in the Chancellor the signs of a yearning for a return to the spiritual nalist to whom their perspectives homeland of Labour should examine were confided had been so totally the interview he gave yesterday on the wrong about what would happen subject of enterprise. "There is not when Tony remade his team. You may enough enterprise in our society," Mr recall the confidence with which it was Brown said. "I want to reward risk and esserted that Harriet Harman would help people to become more motivated be retained in the Cabinet, that anyto succeed." You can practically hear one other than Jack Cunningham Diane Abbott's sneer. And you only would be the Enforcer, and that young have to consider Ken Livingstone's im-Alan Milburn would make his début. plausible mix of good transport poli-As the Sunday papers trawled the precies with daft left populism to see what vious Monday's news desperately a socialist alternative would look like. trying to make something out of it, we discovered sources who were clear

But at this point I begin to falter. My psychohistory isn't working as hat the reshufile was almost entirewell as it did. I have lost confidence a shot aimed by No 10 at the musin my own judgement. I know neither cular solar plexus of the Chancellor what Tony Blair wants to do over welfare and on electoral reform, nor There are two versions of this

DAVID AARONOVITCH

Every time I examine Blair I see paradox, and not resolution...

Who the hell is he? whether he intends to prosecute an ethical foreign policy, nor whether he sees the possibility of a realignment of British politics, nor whether he has a grand plan that extends beyond trying to create a first-class education system in this country, and hoping

that this will help us compete in the next, cursed, millennium. Every time I examine Blair I see paradox, and not resolution. The man who has, in 12 months, completely reversed a 30-year process of centralisation, yet still exercises a power over his backbenchers that seems tyrannical. The man who embodies new and informal politics, yet flies out to Tuscany to leave Frank Field to be pointlessly and counterproductively savaged by his own trained hounds. The man who promised to reform Parliament, and has nevertheless adapted himself to some of its more

disagreeable and alienating Ques-

tion Time conventions. The man who appointed Frank Field, and who then disappointed him; who talked about radical welfare reform, but who has not yet backed it in practice. Who the

Instinct failing me, I found myself in conversation with a Cabinet Minister whom I like and trust, and who I will call CM. And I asked the question of CM that appears at the end of the previous paragraph: who the hell is Tony Blair? CM gave me this answer (which I have tweaked): Tony is unformed; he is plastic; he is the egg, not the chicken; he represents potential, what does not yet exist; he is

Consider, invited CM, the manner of Torry's elevation. It is the almost effortless passage of the golden youth through the great institutions of our country. Everywhere he went he was a success, and each time he tried his hand at something he excelled. His acting début in Journey's End at Fettes College was a triumph, his lead singing with Ugly Rumours a revelation, his Oxford degree a doddle, his courtship of Cherie made in heaven. his progress from ordinary Labour Party member to MP attended by promotion as rapid as can be imagined (even if some of it was fortuitous), and his rise through the shadow ranks suitably meteoric. This is not, hinted CM, the kind of CV that is likely to make its owner over-reflective. He has never failed, or faltered personally. He

has only succeeded. So Tony Blair has come to the leadership of this country with less of a complete world-view than practically any PM since Pitt the Younger. This

opportunist who merely does what he believes is expedient, which is the Kid's Own version of Blair peddled by the Tories, by left enragees, and by Liberal Democrats who ought to know better. Far from it. He is quite capable of acts of courage, and of being radical, where

convinced of the case for it. The Third Way, then, is essentially an expression of this zygotic state. It makes any decision possible: a bit of market capitalism, a bit of state intervention, a big welfare reform, a little welfare reform, a bold innovation, a timid gesture. The Third Way is not an ideological autobahn, complete with a fast lane, a destination and wellthe Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come. marked exits. Blair is currently hacking the Third Way through the political jungle with his machete, occasionally crossing the muddy tracks of the First and Second Ways.

I have been here before, when, in the Seventies, thoughtful Communists tried to define the Terza Via of Eurocommunism, which incorporated the commitment to social justice with aspects of a market economy and an enhanced decentralised democracy. It was, in the end, nearly as nebulous as the Blair project. But, for all

that, it was superior to most of the -then - available alternatives. The other interesting aspect of Blair's infuriating possibility is that it is close to how many of us in this country now think. Very few intellectuals, for instance, are now "formed". We are part libertarian, part in favour of social action; part capitalist, part pro-state-intervention on behalf of the poor. The Third Way is a pick 'n' mix, see-if-itworks, try-it-out philosophy for the post-ideological era. And Mr Blair is doesn't mean, however, that he is an our guide on the journey. Hold on tight.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It is, unfortunately, reasonable to suggest that we are facing a second heroin epidemic." Home Office Police Research Group survey into drug abuse

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"One's eyes are what one is; one's mouth, what one becomes." William Makepeace Thackeray, English novelist

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PANDORA

SHIPYARD WORKER, leftwing militant, media mogul and now Minister for Business and Industry at the Scottish Office, Gus Macdonald has been called in to shore up Labour's business-friendly activities. The announcement comes just a day after Pandora pointed out the fund-raising potential at the DTI of Peter Mandelson and Brian Wilson (who Macdonald is replacing at the Scottish Office).

Macdonald's appointment is likely to be followed by at least two more posts created to establish links with business; what is not yet clear is whether they will be government or Labour Party focused. Meanwhile. Macdonald is rumoured to be in line for a peerage. If so expect to see Ian Robertson, chief executive of Scottish Power: Martin Taylor, chief executive of Barclays Bank; and John Rose, chief executive of Rolls Royce (and good friend of Jonathan Powell, Blair's Chief of Staff) reap similar reward for their "friendliness to Labour".

DONALD TRUMP is making

plans to hold the 1999 Miss Universe competition in the city of Eilat, in Israel. A letter written by Eilat's mayor, Gabi Kadosh, shows that the port town has offered \$3m plus expenses to hold the prestigious event, outpacing all other bids according to the New York Post. Trump's aides claim that the project has Benjamin Netanyahu's support, and that discussions are underway to invite King Hussain of Jordan. The event, however, would surely not be complete without **Eurovision transvestite** superstar. Dana International. David Schneeweiss, Press Secretary of the Israeli Embassy in London agreed: "Clearly Dana is a draw card, and she would add that extra bit of glamour to the occasion." Draw card? Shouldn't that be drag queen?

stung Tony Blair into finding a new group of friends? The Prime Minister's teddy bear picturea), ma him by an admiring Ealing resident, is to sit alongside those of famous "luvvies" Richard Briers, Derek Nimmo and Bonnie Langford in the Teddy Bear Museum. in Stratford-upon-Avon. Pandora wonders whether this is the opening overture in an exciting new media campaign - "Forgotten Britannia". The question is where this leaves Lord Archer, whose teddy bear is to sit alongside the Prime Minister's? Looking at the London mayoral hopeful's current chances.

he may be

HAS CRITICISM from the

"Cool Britannia" inside circle

grateful for being even that close to the centre of power.

NOT EVERYONE in Harry Redknapp's family would necessarily agree with the colourful football manager's view that footballers' wives should "concentrate on looking after the kids and the house". Certainly, new daughter-in-law, the singer Louise would probably beg to differ from the West Ham manager's outspoken position. Surely she will let Jamie Redknapp wear the shorts while she wears the trousers? Some indication of what her views might be came from Janet Dunleavy, press officer at Louise's record company EMI; "She wouldn't want what she said to be misinterpreted and start a family row."

MEDIA COMMENTATORS may well be sceptical about Liberal Democrat MPs getting into government (see yesterday's Comment column by Steve Richards), but at least one is keeping his hopes up. Don Foster, the Lib Dem's education spokesman, told colleagues at an end-of-term party last week that; "Tve made sure Number 10 knows my pager number. My old mate Stephen Byers has just been promoted. You never know the call might come."

DOES PETER Mandelson's

backing for a £2.3m boulder park in Hartlepool indicate a new departure for Labour Party thinking? The Summerhill project has delighted climbing traditionalists because it shuus some features that would otherwise make the climbs too easy. It is nice to see Mandy endorsing something that lets people make their own choice about their own safety, somewhat different to the Government's treatment of eating beef or smoking. The ever-helpful Benjamin Wegg-Prosser, Mandy's aide, was reluctant to make the connection between the more liberal approach to climbing versus the nannying approach. He could only proffer, through gritted teeth, the following advice: "If you have a concern about safety you Borough Council." Where does Pandora phone for an emergency case of sense-of-



Careless talk costs harmless lives

IT WOULD probably be harsh to blame the arrival of crush videos in Britain entirely on the writer Paul Theroux, but the evidence is against him. A few weeks ago, while recounting in a national newspaper his relationship with a New York dominatrix. Theroux made passing mention of the woman's favourite client, a snivelling pervert whose pleasure lay in seeing her crush small insects beneath her heel. She called him

"the Bug Man". It was an odd story but, because these days writers, even grumpy Americans, are peculiarly influen tial, it seemed certain to snag in the minds of the vulnerable. Sure enough, last week a court in Telford, Shropshire, fined Mr Keith Toogood £2,000 for importing what are technically known as "crush" videos. "Putting it bluntly," said the prosecution, "they depicted small animals being put to death by being stamped on by scantily dressed women wearing stiletto heels." Now there's a danger of an over-

reaction here. So far as we know, Mr Toogood is in a small minority. Shifty bug men are not sidling into their local sleaze-shop, muttering



TERENCE BLACKER

Crush videos depict small animals being stamped on by scantily dressed women wearing stilettos

"bumble bee" or "stag beetle" to the pornographer behind the counter. The BBC are not as yet planning a series of X-Rated Animal Hospital, in which Uncle Rolf Harris will team up with the Vice Squad to rescue small creatures at risk from the sex industry.

But it would be foolish not to admit. that news of the Bug Man of Telford risks inflaming our already unnatural

obsession with animals. At this time of the year, dog-owners taking holidays abroad will be suffering the agonies of putting their pets in kennels, an event which is more emotionally traumatic for the English than sending a child to boarding-school. Catlovers find themselves caught up in the annual slaughter of young birds who have just flown the nest straight into the slavering jaws of vicious domestic raptors.

Even those psychologists who have argued that pet ownership provides therapeutic relief are beginning to see that it can go too far. It once seemed sensible for those with controlling, fascistic tendencies to exercise them on four-footed victims; now, as a recent Vanessa programme revealed, many people actually prefer their dog to their spouse. The need of lonely people to find something soft and undiscriminating to caress argued the case for cats; now, thanks to a new survey by the Mammal Society, we are discovering that they present a serious problem for wildlife.

in a survey from April to August last year, researchers studied the kill record of 964 cats. Over 14,000 prey

items were taken during the period. an average kill rate of 16.7 animals per cat. Extended over the year, the report suggests, our 7.5 million domestic cats could be responsible for the deaths of 300 million animals and birds. These would include an estimated 230,000 bats, four million frogs, 170,000 newts. The decline in such species as barn owls and grass snakes, stoats and weasels, while primarily the result of habitat loss and pollution, has also been exacerbat-

ed by our love affair with the cal. Oddly, owners who put a bell around their cat's neck are doing more harm than good - the kill rate of belied cats in the survey was 19 compared to 15 for those without bells. It may well be time for our caring, authoritarian Home Secretary Jack Straw to introduce a Crime and Disorder (Felines) Bill, making owners responsible for the carnage caused by their pets, banning the putting out of cats at night - a particularly harmful practice - and placing a quota on cats allowed in each household.

Against this background, there will be those who argue that the arrival of crush videos could be a healthy way for humans to express their natural crueity. They will point out that Spaniards are famously well-adjusted, yet have a weakness for dropping donkeys from the top of tower-blocks. They will say that the French, who solve the problem of pets at holiday-time by leaving theirs by the side of the autoroute as they head south, are incomparably less neurotic than we are.

Using arguments deployed by hunting enthusiasts, the crush lobby may discover that their sport achially helps endangered species to survive, or even that being trodden underfoot is an essential part of a small animal's existence, a more natural part of its life cycle then being poisoned by insecticides.

They will not find support in this column. The pygmy shrew, the stag beetle, the common toad and many others were already in desperate trouble thanks to the combined efforts of subsidy-crazed farmers and dewy-eyed cat-lovers. Now they are to be further imperilled by the careless talk of Paul Theroux and the warped desires of perverts from Telford. It all seems desperately unfair.

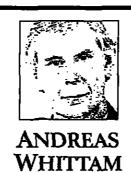
The bishops finally see reason over homosexuality

SINCE I wrote despairingly last week about the homophobic attitudes displayed by some of the bishops of the worldwide Anglican Communion, matters have improved a little. At their once-a-decade Lambeth Conference in Canterbury, a careful statement on homosexuality was issued over the weekend. The report was designed to cloak angry divisions of opinion. On Friday for instance, there was a further public shouting match following the rows of the previous week; this time the altercation was between homosexual clergy and a campaign group waving anti-gay banners.

On arriving at Canterbury some African bishops had described homosexuality as a white man's disease while others designated it as a sin. How, I wondered, would these homophobic views be described in an official document? It is, after all, difficult to sustain the notion that homosexuality is a disease seeing that it never occurs to mainstream medical practitioners to describe it as such. earch into a "cure" being has homosexuality been considered a mental illness.

Of course anything can happen on the wild fringes of medicine and psychiatry and that is where I place the "healing ministry" for homosexuals that the Bishop of San Joaquin, John Davies, runs at St James's Cathedral in Fresno, California. Mr Davies also makes the unverifiable claim that the American Church has lost a million worshippers because of its prohomosexual agenda.

It is a bit easier for bishops to assert that homosexuality is a sin because in one or two places the Bible can be interpreted as giving support for this opinion - as it has also been used in the past to justify hatred of and struggle". From the point of Jews, to condone slavery and to encourage a sort of misogyny. However courage a sort of misogyny. However the Ten Commandments are silent well as its standard definition as a dis-



SMITH A careful statement on homosexuality was designed to cloak angry

divisions of opinion

on the subject; only the injunction "thou shalt not commit adultery" is concerned with sexual matters. And conducted. Nor since the early 1970s upon which "hang all the law and the prophets", Christ gave only two: "thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart" etc and "thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself". I don't myself see how you can derive the classification of homosexuality as a sin from these statements of Christian morality.

In their report on human sexuality the bishops admit: "we must confess we are not of one mind about homosexuality". The homophobe view is shown as being only one of four possible attitudes, held as it is by "those who believe homosexual orientation is a disorder, but that through the grace of Christ people can be changed, although not without pain view of the drafters of the stateturbance of the normal state of the body or mind, it also carries overtones of reprehensible behaviour A second group of bishops be-

lieves that "relationships between people of the same gender should not include genital expression, that this is the clear teaching of the Bible and of the Church universal, and that such activity (if unrepented of) is a barrier to the Kingdom of God". As always, statements that represent compromises between a variety of opinions raise more questions than they answer. On a strict reading, this is a rec-

ommendation for homosexual celibacy, albeit using the ancient concept in a negative way. The respectable argument for celibacy, whether of heterosexuals or homosexuals, is that a priest should consider his church or his flock as his family and that there can be no rival for its spiritual and emotional demands. But that is not how the notion is being used here. However, perhaps something less severe is intended, such as people of the same sex living together in loving but chaste relationships

To paraphrase, then, the first group of bishops says of homosexuality, it's an abomination; while the second groups argues, a little less intolerantly, it cannot be helped, but you shouldn't, so to speak, "give in" to it. What is the position of the third group identified in the report? Hardly enlightening. It comprises those who believe that "committed homosexual relationships fall short of the biblical norm, but are to be preferred to relationships that are anonymous and transient". This is truly to damn with faint praise. Nobody can approve of relationships that are anonymous and transient, whatever the sexuality of the parties. Moreover the words "anonymous" and "transient" are hiding something. I guess that what the bishops supporting



Bishops take a break at Lambeth

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this proposition had in mind but did sexuals, that is to "bless" such unions. not want to spell out was prostitution and promiscuity.

Between these three sets of opinions and the fourth there lies a no distinction between heterosexu-These hishons believe that "the Church should accept and support or bless monogamous covenant relationships between homosexual people and that they may be ordained". This time the word which jumps out is "covenant". Knowing that the bishops don't like to be ex-

plicit, what do they really mean? In the Bible a covenant is an engagement entered into by God with a person or nation, for instance with Moses, and with the tribes of Israel, the chosen people. In the New Testament it is the engagement with God entered into at baptism. In civil law it is a promise having legal validity. In light of these definitions, there is no need to make any further guesses: what is meant is that the Church should be prepared to conduct ceremonies of marriage between homo-

The saving grace of the document, however, is not the analysis but a charitable statement that cleans away the stain of homophobia: "there great guif. For the final group makes are among us persons who experience themselves as having a nome al and homosexual relationships. sexual orientation... we wish to assure them that they are loved by God, and that all baptised, believing and faithful persons, regardless of sexual orientation, are full members of the Body of Christ".

I draw two conclusions from this: First, the Anglican Communion acknowledges that it has unwittingly ordained many homosexual priests to the ministry during its long historywithout God hurling thunderholts at the offending cathedrals. And second it follows that if homosexuals, bap-tised, believing and faithful, are "full members of the Body of Christ", that is of the Anglican Communion, then in due course, their sexual orientation will no longer serve to condemn them to second-class membership. I now expect to see this matter satisfactorily resolved by the time of the next Lambeth Conference - in 2008.

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No such thing as a Third Way should do more; that the solu-tion to most problems lay in TO HEAR some com-

mentators, you would think that the last few vears had seen a fundamental realignment of British politics. It used to be all so simple. There were two ways. There was the First Way ~

the idea that the state, over

time, should do less. That was - and is - our way. Our opponents caricatured it as the way of selfishness and greed - the "me first" culture. It never was that. But we allowed it to be portraved that light. In its proper light, this is the way that puts a premium on

self-reliance; on taking responsibility for yourself and your family: on strengthening society by encouraging people in local communities to take responsibility for the institutions in which they have a common interest, rather than leaving it all to the authorities. Under the First Way, social

responsibility means caring for your neighbour, not just thinking that your obligations to others end when you pay your tax cheque. It is a welfare society, not just a welfare state. Then there was the Second

higher public spending and more state intervention It was Labour's way. But it

failed. It failed to deliver its own aims. And it was unpopular. Labour's high-spend, hightax policies condemned them to 18 long years in opposition. So the unpopular and failed Second Way disappeared from the British political scene. Out of its unpopularity came

the quest for a Third Way. But the Third Way is inchoate. Even its most ardent advocates are at a loss to define it. Asked to set out their case, they fall back on one of two lines of argument. Neither stands up to analysis. Some say the Third Way is the First and Second Ways all rolled into one. For them, it is the "have your cake and eat it" option. They say you can spend more but keep taxes low. That you can embrace the free market, but regulate more. In short, that you can be rightwing and on the left, all at the

same time. Others take a different line. Asked to define the Third Way, they fall back on definitions of Way - a perfectly honourable one: the view that the state



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FRANCIS MAUDE From a speech delivered by the shadow

Chancellor to the Social Market Foundation in London

Mr Blair has said: "I am talking about a reformed European model: a Third Way of greater adaptability - not loissez-faire capitalism, or oldstyle corporatism."

Robin Cook says: "The Third Way is a political project as distinct from the individualist politics of neo-liberalism as it is distinct from the corporatist ethos of old-fashioned social democracy."

For the first group, the

Third Way is everything. For making hard choices, not just the second, it is nothing. The truth is that the Third

a vacuum. And we know that nature abhors a vacuum, Something will always rush to fill it. In this case, the vacuum has been filled by a policy of tax and spend. If there is one clear con-

Way is a principle-free zone -

clusion from the events of the last few weeks - from the Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report, through the Comprehensive Spending Review to Mr Blair's reshuffle, it is that the Third Way has collapsed in upon its own vacuity. So, after a period in which

the normal rules of politics seemed to be suspended, it turns out that not so much has changed after all. The idea that there is some mystically significant Third Way, a "have your cake and eat it" option. turns out to be null, as we always said it was. The Third Way has collapsed. Mr Blair is an ordinary mortal after all. He has not discovered the secret of perpetual motion

Politics and government are, as we have always said about taking difficult decisions about real things - yes, actually

talking about them. You cannot get away with talking about the state doing less, when the choices you make involve the state doing more.

Welfare reform is not just a radical-sounding slogan; it is a serious policy commitment requiring real resolve and determination. People will begin to see the gap between the rhetoric and the reality They will see that there are two broad directions in which a country can go. It can opt for the state gradually over time to do less, and for its people to do more, for themselves, for each other and for their

communities. This is the path Britain has followed for most of the past two decades. It is the path most advanced countries are now pursuing. It is the path that builds economic strength, personal independence and responsibility - a stronger society - and leads to lower taxes.

This is what Conservatives stand for. And as the politicians leave Westminster, we know one thing for sure. The great battle of political ideas is just beginning.



COMMENT/5

Sterling's bumpy ride



ALISON COTTRELL

Should businesses be bracing themselves for the sterling roller coaster to head down again?

WITH STERLING falling again on the markets, ahead of Wednesday and Thursday's meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee, and the CBI and the unions demanding with one voice that it should be lowred as soon as possible if British exports are to remain competitive, the nation's currency is once again at the centre of economic debate.

As sterling's only consistent feature has been its inconsistency, should businesses now be bracing themselves for the sterling roller coaster to head down again? Not it is clear, if the Bank of England has anything to do with it. A lower pound was cited by the Monetary Policy Committee as one of the reasons behind its June interest rate rise. Just how strong, however, is the pound? And how low might it or might the Bank of England prefer it not to - go? The answer, as always, depends on how you ask the

Since August 1996, when sterling found its present set of wings, the pound has risen 25 per cent against the DM but only 5 per cent against the American dollar. Sterling has traditionally clung closer to the dollar's coat-tails than the DM's, though this is arguably now as much a symptom as a justification of Britain's "semi-detached" European status. For investors, sterling, like the dollar and the Swiss franc. offers an alternative to the eurobloc. The "alternatives" will tend to move together, and against the euro, simply because they are precisely that, alternatives.

When concerns about EMU and Asia pushed up the dollar this year and last year, they naturally did the same to sterling; and a succession of interest rate increases from the newly independent Bank of England, ensured that the pound never trailed too far behind its transatlantic big brother.

Stability against the dollar is, however, of limited comfort to UK exporters, over half of whose sales go to the EU, and who then compete with Europeans for the 13 per cent sold to North America. The tradeweighted exchange rate is 22 per cent higher than two years ago; a considerable shift, even for an economy proud of its "flexibility". Certainly, a rising currency does not



Sweeping up in what was once Britain's biggest export industry: Rover is now laying off workers again due to the high cost of sterling

necessarily imply a loss of competitiveness. A postwar upwardly mobile DM did not - at least, not until the 1990s !- consistently kneecap German industry, since low unit cost inflation held the real ex-

change rate relatively stable. Sadly for all concerned, the strong pound circa 1998 has been a function not of relatively low but of relatively high inflation. Adjust for inflation, and that 22 per cent rise in the nominal pound since mid-1996 turns into a 32 per cent rise in the real exchange rate. UK plc may be flexible, but it is not Houdini; and while the restructuring prompted by a sharp sustained real appreciation produces a leaner corporate base by definition (since the flabbier companies go to the wall), the accompanying job losses and the in-terim reduction in investment and R&D render it a less than ideal fit-

ness programme. Is sterling overvalued, however? Yes, if you are selling Rovers; no, on the OECD's measure of Purchasing Power Parity (which equates prices of traded goods); perhaps, on esti-mates of Fundamental Equilibrium Exchange Rates (which attempt also to incorporate capital flows): yes, on the Economist magazine's "Big Mac" index (based on the prices of that most standardised of consumer products).

Let us just say that the currencv looks a little top-heavy. To the Rover exporter, the pound is undoubtedly and perhaps irrationally overvalued. To the currency "exporter", however, sterling's strength has been the all too rational product of UK interest rates and an expected eventual depreciation. Why? Because there are few free lunches in the financial markets. What is gained on the swings is generally lost on the roundabouts. UK interest rates are high relative to German, but what investors gain on these "swings", they expect on balance to lose on the currency "roundabout".

Forecasts for the pound, a couple of years out, cluster in a DM2.60-70 range (or the euro equivalent). If this fall is to offset the intervening interest rate return, the decline needs to start from somewhere in the DM2.90s; which is where sterling has obediently been sitting.

Interest rate expectations are, however, fickle things, and in the context of a reviving European economy and a slowing UK one, investors have roving eyes. Were the UK-German interest rate gap look ing likely to close more quickly

than previously thought, sterling would slip.

At an extreme, there is no greater sell signal for a currency than rumblings of recession; and while the UK is not yet there, ever softer economic data have begun to prompt a rethink and, already, a slightly weaker Pound. The Bank of England's Inflation Report on August 12th will be a crucial determinant of where those thoughts Increasingly, however, the

"strength" or "weakness" of the pound will have less to do with the UK itself, than with its neighbours. Set against EMU-land, Great Britain is as large as is the Netherlands relative to Germany. This is not very Great. Sterling's exchange rate will be a function of shifts in the euro and dollar tectonic plates; a passive and perhaps even more volatile outlook. No novelty in the latter, of course, for UK exporters: but in the more competitive post-EMU environment, a possibly greater disadvantage.

EMU-based companies, like their US counterparts, will be somewhat insulated against currency shifts by a large "domestic" base. The exchange rate will still matter to Germany et al; but it will not matter as much. It will, however, still matter enormously to the very open UK. The transformation into "Little Britain" will be economically as well as psychologically uncomfortable.

sible EMU entry, and EMU begins

in Dublin. The Irish punt will join

EMU at DM2.48. It is difficult to

imagine Dublin welcoming in ster-

ling at an ultra-competitive DM2.30.

Realpolitik supports the DM2.60-70

consensus (with a cautious Bank of

England probably preferring the

upper end of that range); though the

route to that destination is unlike-

ly to be straightforward. The char-

acteristic approach would be for

sterling to head down to and

straight through that level, before

If a volatile pound can be ex-

pensive and inconvenient for UK in-

dustry, it presents a more

fundamental dilemma for a UK

government keeping its options

open on EMU. Stability against the

euro is probably impossible without

a commitment to EMU; but the key

criterion for EMU membership is

EMU entry can be neither a

spontaneous nor a unilateral deci-

sion. Well before the next elec-

tions, if it is genuinely to keep

those options open, the Government

will need to take exchange rates se-

riously. Two years' stability is an am-

bitious objective for a currency

which counts itself lucky to sit still

bobbing back upwards.

two years of stability.

Fortunately for UK businesses, there is a near-term silver lining. After a tricky pregnancy, the euro looks set to be a bouncing baby. The expected UK-German interest rate differential is, indeed, likely to narrow; initially, as UK interest rate forecasts are adjusted, but subsequently and more importantly as European rate expectations rise on the back of EMU-land's robust eco-

nomic growth. Note that we are talking here about expectations. Actual interest rates will be much more sluggish; and the Bank of England, which cited sterling weakness as a rationale for June's rate rise, would be likely to respond to an already softening pound by pushing back still further its first interest rate cut. Continental European interest rates will move up before UK rates

If sterling is heading lower, where might it be heading to? Those "fair value" estimates go as low as DM2.30; but any medium term scenario must allow for pos-

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DENNIS THE MENACE



One of the Beano's most popular figures responds to John Walsh's criticisms of the comic

HELLO READERS! Dad has let me out specially because he saw that I haven't been so redike-a-tomato and mad since Walter tried to make me an honourary softy!!!! Your comic has a character called John Walsh who tries to be a menace but who looks to me very like softy Walter. There he goes prancing around in his scented column, scattering blooms. A prime target for Menacing! Just like Walter, he has no idea about what is going on in Beanotown so, as I fine-tune the targeting mechanism of my peashooter, let me have a word with you about what he said.

Softy Walsh says that we are more cautious than we used to be. He obviously hasn't met Gnasher lately who is ready to show him precisely how un-cautious he can be. Or the Bash Street Kids who are still un-cautiously giving teacher the run-around. Softy Walsh also ought to get his facts right: it's not Erbert but Wilfred who still wears his jumper pulled up just under his nose. Grarrar!

And - whooosh! - Billy Whizz may be the quickest kid in Beanotown - or anywhere but he's not new, he's been running around here since 1964. So it must be a long time indeed since Walsh looked.

Then there's the romance, which, oddly for a softy, he doesn't like. He is right there. Romance is yukky. (Beano Reader's voice: It may not be what you like, Dennis, but we loyal readers enjoy Crazy for Daisy. So there.] Beanotown is more commercial than it used to be, but then so is everything, even menacing. (Rodger the Dodger helps us with the money-making schemes).

I'm off in the Menacemobile now to our 60th anniversary pie-eating party at the Town Hall. Softy Walsh had better be there. But, readers, you can join me at our super web-site www.beano.co.uk. See you.

The software wars of the future

THIS IS one of those books about the future that would frighten the daylights out of you - if you believed it. The trouble is that so much of it reads like science fiction. Indeed, two of the , chapters are fiction: the author's device for presenting his thesis in a graphic and dramatic manner. James Adams, a former defence

correspondent on The Sunday Times and its Washington correspondent for many years, has developed a reputation as an authority on intelligence and covert warfare. He lectures to the American National Defence University and the Central Intelligence Agency. On this military/intelligence circuit, he sensed the angst of the American military-industrial complex about the vacuum left by the end of the Cold War. They felt a "My God, what do we do now fellas?" feeling that the Gulf War only briefly allayed. Talking to the brighter lights in Wash-



TUESDAY POEM

ONE DAY, FEELING HUNGRY

One day, feeling hungry, I swallowed the moon.

It stuck, like a wafer, to the top of my mouth,

dry as an aspirin. It slowly went down,

showing the gills of my vocal cords.

the folded wings in my abdomen,

the horrible twitch of my insect blood.

Lit from inside, I stood alone

(dark to myself) but could see from afar

the brightness of others who had swallowed stars.

Our poems this week come from volumes competing for

this year's Forward Prizes, which will be announced on 7 October.

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BY GWYNETH LEWIS

TUESDAY BOOK

THE NEXT WORLD WAR BY JAMES ADAMS, HUTCHINSON, £18.99

ington and Moscow, he developed a vision of the future that is the centrepiece of this book.

The United States is the most powerful nation in history. For the Gulf War, it put together a combination of conventionally-armed manpower and new-tech weapons that proved murderously successful. Yet when the US got involved in two-bit countries such as Somalia and Haiti and a few American servicemen were killed, the public outcry was enormous. The lesson was obvious: the US only wants to fight wars in which no one gets hurt. Like

Hollywood producers, Pentagon officials have to tone down the violence to get the PG rating that will maximise their box office.

The answer: IW and NLW (Infor-

mation Warfare, and Nonlethal

Weapons). You had better get used to

acronyms - this book has a glossary with more than a hundred listed - and, indeed, to a new language. The next world war will be fought in "cyberspace" by "cyberknights" armed with viruses, bugs, worms and logic bombs - familiar old words used to describe nasty new things. The theory of IW is that since computers run so many things these days, - communications, banking, production processes, oil supplies, electrici-

ty grids, transportation systems, air traffic control, government records and defence systems, to name only some - then an assault on the computers of an enemy of the US could bring that foe to its knees in days, if not hours. But, of course, the reverse is also

true. A determined cyber-terrorist armed with his trusty laptop could change baby-food formulas at the factory to make them poisonous. He could disrupt banks and stock exchanges, make aircraft collide black out cities, make telephone systems bricants that can coat roads, runways, crash and paralyse a nation's defence. More than 95 per cent of the US defence and intelligence community's voice and data traffic uses the Amer-

ican public telephone system. Barry Collins of the Institute for Se-



be able to eat, to drink, to move, or to live. In addition, the people charged with the protection of their nation will not have warning, and will not be able to shut down the terrorist, since that cyberterrorist is most likely on the other side of the world."

At this stage, with the country brought low by computer failure, the troops move in with their NLWs and "stickums". Slickums are superluramps, railroad tracks, stairs and pavements with hard clear coatings that allow no grip for wheels, tracks or feet. We would literally slip and slide to disaster

Stickums are polymer adhesives curity and Intelligence, says such a ter- that trap vehicles and people like rorist would be able to "make certain flies on flypaper. Alternatively, the

that the population of a nation will not enemy will get us with pepper sprays, aqueous foam, stingballs, laser dazziers, strobe lights, liquid stun guns, or acoustic canons.

If you go along with James Adams's thesis that IW is the new arms race, then you will find this book fascinating. As the publisher's blurb puts it. "This is not the future. It is here. It is now and how it will be used will decide the future of the world." Maybe. If you hit you with their "slickums" or are sceptical, as I am, and if you believe that this is just another way for the arms manufacturers to frighten more money out of Congress, as they did in the 1980s with the science fiction of the Strategic Defence Initiative programme, then read it as a new enisode of Stur Trek - called, perhaps, "Set Phasers to Stun".

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Eva Bartok

ALTHOUGH PUBLICISED in the and the island of Ischia for one of her gens, Der Letze Walzer (1953), Rum- tok claimed that Sinatra was Fifties as Britain's answer to Sophia Loren, the actress Eva Bartok became better known for her tempestuous private life than for her appearances in a string of generally mediocre films. By the time she was 30, she had been married and divorced four times, one of her husbands being actor Curt Jurgens, while her lovers included the Marquess of Milford Haven and Frank Sinatra. Her most notable films are two cult movies, the pastiche swashbuckler The Crimson Pirate. in which she starred opposite Burt Lancaster, and Mario Bava's horror film Blood and Black Lace.

Born Eva Martha Szoke in Keoskemet, Hungary in 1926, she married her first husband. Giza Kovas, a Nazi, while only 15 years old and after imprisonment in a concentration camp. The marriage was later annulled on the grounds of coercion of a minor.

A strikingly beautiful brunette. she found work on the Budapest stage after the Second World War, and made her film début in a Hungarian film, Mezet Profeto (released in the United States as Prophet of the Field), in 1947. When she wrote to an old friend, the film producer Alexander Paal, begging him to help her escape from Soviet-dominated Budapest, Paal arranged a "passport marriage", took her to London and gave her the leading role in his film A Tale of Five Cities (1951) in which an airman (Bonar Colleano: who has lost his memory traces his past by means of five banknotes he has in his possession, each with the signature of a girl.

After its release, Bartok divorced Paal and in 1951 married the publicist William Wordsworth, The international flavour of her career was quickly established - her next roles took her to Italy (Venetian Bird, 1952) and to both the Bay of Naples

best remembered films. The Crimson Pirate (1952).

Though plagued with difficulties during shooting (at one point the star Burt Lancaster called its director Robert Siodmak "a silly old hasbeen") and rumoured to have been started as a straightforward action tale then switched midstream to farce, the film proved enormously popular Bartok played Consuelo, the daughter of a revolutionary on a Caribbean island who persuades

melplatz der Leibe (Circus of Love, 1954) and Orient Express (1954), but it was her provocative personal life that made her name familiar to the public, notably her stormy marriage to Jurgens and a highly publicised five-year affair with the then Marquess of Milford Haven, who had been best man at the wedding of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip; Bartok was named in his wife's divorce action.

In 1956 Bartok went to Hollywood

to appear in the musical Ten Thou-

sand Bedrooms, in which Dean

Martin (in his first film without his

partner Jerry Lewis) played the

owner of a string of luxury hotels.

The marriage of Martin's friend

Frank Sinatra to Ava Gardner was

just breaking up (they divorced in

1957) and Sinatra and Bartok em-

barked on an affair. In 1957 Bartok's

daughter Deana was born, with

both Milford Haven and Jurgens

purporting to be the father. Jurgens'

name was on the birth certificate, but

some years later he confessed that

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the pirate Lancaster to swap sides and, instead of helping a Spanish tyrant quash her father's rebellion, lead his ramshackie bunch of swashbucklers to achieve the island's

But Bartok's career failed to move into the major league. Her next roles were in B movies, as a mathematician who stows away in a space rocket with the scientist she loves in Spaceways (1953) and a duplicitous diamond smuggler in Pork Palza 605 (1953). She made several films in Germany, including three with her fourth husband, Curt JurDeana's father. Bartok's film career continued to take her around the world - British

films included Operation Amsterdom (1959), as a member of the Dutch resistance in 1940, and a fanciful adventure tale of a bunch of plane-crash survivors who find they have landed at the site of an H-bomb test, S.O.S. Pacific, recently described by its director Guy Green as "pretty indifferent". In 1963 she made a gruesome horror film in Italy, Sei donne per l'assassino (Blood and Block Lace), about a string of fashion model murders, which has gained a reputation due to Mario Bava's atmospheric di-

recting and striking use of colour.
Milford Haven had introduced Bartok to the teachings of the In-donesian guru Pak Subuh, and in 1968 Bartok gave up her career and took her daughter to live a life of "peace and tranquility" in Jakarta, Indonesia. She then moved to Honolulu, where she opened a school to teach the Subuh philosophy.

Bartok returned to acting in 1974 when she appeared with the soccer star Pele in Pele, King of Football, but it failed to promote further film offers. Recently Eva Bartok, described by her former agent as "at one time one of the most photographed women around and one of the most beautiful women in the world", had been living in a hotel in Paddington

Eva Martha Szoke (Eva Bartok). actress: born Keoskemet, Hungary 18 June 1926; married first Giza Kovas (marriage dissolved), second Alexander Paal (marriage dissolved), third William Wordsworth (marriage dissolved), fourth Curt Jurgens (one daughter, marriage dissolved); died London 1 August



Lt-Cdr Derek Howse



WHEN DEREK Howse was the head of a large and active Department of Navigation and Astronomy at the National Maritime Museum, there was a project he would say he was saving "for my dotage". He never reached his dotage, but in retirement he did write a biography, Nevil Maskelyne: the seaman's astronomer, published in 1989, of the fifth Astronomer Royal. In the preface Howse explained that his ambition to write on Maskelyne went back as far as 1967 and, more had in the Meridian Building of the Greenwich. Howse was a seamen and Old Royal Observatory at Greenwich with Colonel Humphrey Quill.

Quill was Master of the Worshioful Company of Clockmakers and the author of a fine biography of John Harrison. He had brought a manuscript to show Howse, who thought at first it was a collection of notes by Maskelyne in preparation for an autobiography. Howse decided "there and then" to write the book that was to appear over 20 years later.

The story is interesting on several counts. Quill and Howse were sitting in the building where for 46 years Maskelyne had carried on his astronomical work. Howse leaves the reader of his preface to notice another coincidence: the date he is careful to mention, 1967, was the 200th anniversary of Maskelyne's greatest achievement, the inaugural year of the annual Noutical Almanac.

At that point in his career Howse had no publications to his credit indeed he had been professionally involved with historical and curatorial

work only since 1963, when he had joined the Museum as an Assistant Keeper. It seems rather a sudden resolution on the basis of a slight command of the available sources. But whether instinctively or on account of some prior knowledge, Howse may have recognised a rapport between his subject and himself. As a young man Maskelyne went to sea on astronomical and navigational ventures at the behest of the Royal Society and the Admiralty, before spending most of his worknavigator, who enjoyed a second career in the Old Royal Observatory much in the company of astronomers.

In an excellent biography, Howse describes a likeable, helpful, clubbable, friendly man, who enjoyed the company of family, friends and colleagues, and who enjoyed his work. The parallels are obvious. At the end of the standard recital of acknowledgements, Howse takes the unusual step of thanking his subject for having a legible hand and a "pleasant personality", which "made the writing of this book a most agreeable task for me".

Howse was born in Weymouth in 1919. His father was a Captain in the Royal Navy, and after entering the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, in 1933 as a cadet, Howse was at sea as a Midshipman by 1937. As Sub-Lieutenant and Lieutenant in destroyers and minesweepers he served throughout the Second World War. in the Battle of the Atlantic, in the Dover Straits and North Sea, and in partment, promoting esprit de

the Mediterranean. He specialised in navigation and in aircraft detection, was mentioned in dispatches three times and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross in 1945.

It was typical of Howse to be modest about his war service and his friends learnt little about what lay behind this distinguished record. He rose to the rank of Lieutenant-Commander in 1949, and his postwar service included navigating the cruiser Newcostle during the Korean War. He retired in 1958.

commercial world, Howse found his métier in 1963, when he joined the National Maritime Museum as an Assistant Keeper in the department of the distinguished historian of navigation Lt-Cdr D.W. Waters, His timing had been perfect: the museum was set for a period of development unimaginable today and Howse had the challenge of turning the observatory buildings recently vacated by the astronomers, the historic meridian building in particular, into one of the world's great astronomical museums. Howse grasped the opportunity with characteristic energy, delighting in recovering and restoring the original instruments to their proper settings, and founding his displays on scholarly research preserved in his 1975 volume Greenwich Observatory: the buildings

and instruments. Howse became Head of Navigation and Astronomy in 1976, with the rank of Keeper in 1979. He ran a good-humoured and productive de-

various projects and taking pride in their success. He wrote one of his most successful books, Greenwich Time and the Discovery of the Longitude (1980), recently republished. among many authored and edited books and articles on the histories of navigation, hydrography, astronomy and horology.

As his scholarly work gathered

pace. Howse gave the impression that he was enjoying it all enormously. It gave him particular pleaby the age of fourteen and without having attended university, he was becoming respected in an academic role. Yet there was nothing pompous about his occasional reference to his lack of formal qualifications, rather a modest and genuine surprise at what was happening to him. This aspect of his career reached its zenith in 1983 when. in retirement, he was appointed to a Visiting Professorship attached to the Clark Library of the University of California, Los Angeles,

His productivity was scarcely affected by retirement in 1982, when he was appointed a Caird Research Fellow at the National Maritime Museum. Among other work, his valuable international compilation of observatory instruments to 1850, the Greenwich List of Observatories, appeared as a special issue of the Journal for the History of Astronomy in 1986, his biography of Maskelyne was published in 1989, and a history of

Radar at Sea in 1993. Among other marks of distinction,

corps, encouraging his staff in their Howse became President of the British Astronomical Association, President of the Scientific Instrument Commission of the International Union of the History and Philosophy of Science, and a Liveryman of the Clockmakers' Company. He served on the councils of numerous societies and had a wide circle of friends who shared his interests. He particularly relished being secretary of the Royal Astronomical Society Club, whose dinners are linked to the monthly meetings meetings of the Equinoctial Club of instrument enthusiasts who, as might

be imagined, dine less frequently. A final and signal award to Derek Howse will be posthumous. The Gold Medal of the Royal Institute of Navigation will be presented in October to mark his service to the history of navigation. It is a recognition in which his many friends will take particular pleasure.

Jim Bennett

Humphrey Derek Howse, naval officer and historian of astronomy and navioation: born Weymouth, Dorset 10 October 1919; DSC 1945; MBE 1954: Assistant Keeper, Department of Navigation and Astronomy, National Maritime Museum 1963-69, Head of Astron omy 1969-76. Deputy Keeper and Head of Navigation and Astronomy 1976-79, Keeper 1979-82, Caird Research Fellow 1982-86; married 1946 Elizabeth de Warrenne Waller (three sons, one daughter); died London 26 July 1998.

K. W. Gransden

K. W. GRANSDEN, poet, scholar and When he was invited to become litliterary critic, was a man of many and varied talents, whose life no official title can encapsulate. Emeritus Reader in English and Comparative Literature at Warwick University is part of the story, but he was more

Ken Gransden was born in 1925 at Herne Bay in Kent, and educated at the City of London School. After military service he went up to Jesus College, Cambridge, where he took a double First in Classics. One of the brightest young graduates of his day. he was approached by the spy service, but declined, preferring instead to take up the post of assistant keeper of manuscripts at the British Museum, where he worked from 1951 until 1957. In these austere surroundings (like a monastery but without the consolations of religion, as it was once described) he met Antonia

Harrison, whom he married in 1956. He was simultaneously pursuing his literary interests, writing poems, reviews and occasional pieces; his first book, John Donne, was published in 1954, and a collection of his poems, Any Day, appeared in 1960.

erary editor of the Listener, he left the museum to immerse himself wholeheartedly in the vibrant life of literary London in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

There were numerous visits to the theatre (this was the period of Look Back in Anger and the revival of the British stage), glamorous parties, and the opportunity to meet and entertain the leading literary figures of the day. Edith Sitwell came to tea, and E.M. Forster, who came down from Cambridge to talk about his work, read Babar stories to Gransden's young daughter Gransden kept up the connection with Forster, and later wrote a book about him, E.M. Forster, which Forster himself read in typescript. Another publication from this period was his study of Tennyson's In Memoriam (1962).

After such a dazzling early career it was fortunate indeed for the then new Warwick University that Gransden was persuaded, in 1965, to become one of the four founding members of the Department of English and Comparative Literature.

With his classical training, his deep knowledge and love of English literature, and his experience outside the narrow confines of academic life, he was the perfect person to help create an interdisciplinary department, in which English would be studied in conjunction

with other European literatures. All English students were expected to study a foreign language, whether classical or modern, and a core course on the Epic Tradition (Homer, Virgil, Dante and Milton) ensured that students were not ignorant of the primary influence of classical culture on the literatures of Europe. It was a brave vision, and one which has left its mark, despite the much changed circumstances of academic life in 1990s.

Gransden devised and taught a wide range of courses in classical and English literature, from Virgit and Horace, through Spenser and Donne, to Auden and Greene, a publications. When the joint School

Gransden served as Chairman, and played an active part in teaching for the degree in English and Latin Literature. One of the high points of my time at Warwick were the seminars which I taught together with Gransden, when for me, as for the students, his learning, sensitivity and enthusiasm brought life to the poems we were reading.

He continued to write poetry, and a collection, The Last Picnic, was published in 1981. For many years he was one of the judges of the Gregory awards for poetry, a role which he particularly valued, as he describes in the introduction to The Gregory Anthology 1987-1990, jointly edited with Alan Brownjohn.

In his later years he turned back more and more to the study of classical poetry, particularly Virgil. He published editions of Aeneid viii and xi, Virgil's Iliad (an intertextual study of Homer and Virgil), a volume on the Aeneid in the "Landrange which is also reflected in his marks of World Literature" series, and finally Virgil in English (1996), of Classics was set up in 1976, an anthology of translations of Virlargely through the efforts of Tom gil from Chaucer to Seamus Heaney. particularly opera, and in his later Winnifrith and Donald Charlton, This last book brought together in years he also discovered that he

a peculiarly appropriate way the various strands of Gransden's intellectual life, the poetry, the scholarship and the keen critical judgement, which he exercised on classical and English literature alike. It also demonstrates that for him the study of classics was not simply an antiquarian indulgence, but part of a living literary tradition.

Ken Gransden's career was highly successful, but like many gifted people, he was a vulnerable human being. It was a great stroke of luck, the goddess Fortuna perhaps, which caused him to meet Maureen Daniels, with whom he shared many years of happiness. Her warmth and earthmess complemented his somewhat excitable and highly strung temperament. They were chalk and cheese, as she herself says, but they admired each other for their differing qualities, and together they enjoyed life's many pleasures: gardening, walking, and swimming. dancing, travelling, music, food and wine.

Music was a lifelong passion, particularly opera, and in his later

could paint. Ken Gransden was a true Epicurean in the enjoyment of life, never advertising his talents, nor overly concerned with worldly success. He was a secular man, but with a spiritual side, which became increasingly evident in his long and often painful final iliness. This he bore with remarkable equanimity and inner strength, sustained by the love of Maureen and the family. He continued to compose poetry, and when he could no longer write, he recorded his musings on tape. His wit, charm and elegance never left him, and he died as he had lived, a truly civilised man.

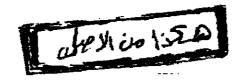
When I visited him in the hospice where he lay dying, he showed me his commonplace-book which he kept with him, now that he was no longer able to use his library. He had inscribed it with an epigraph in reminiscence of Horace: "lusisti satis, satis bibisti. Tempus abire est" ("you've enjoyed yourself, indulged yourself. It's time to go"). He had a good life, he said, and was happy with all that he had experienced

Penelope Murray July 1998.



Karl Watts Gransden, literary critic, scholar and poet: born Herne Bay, Kent 24 February 1925. Assistant Keeper of Manuscripts, British Museum 1951-57; Lecture, then Reader in English and Coffparative Literature, Warwick University 1965-91 (Emeritus); married 1958 Antonia Harrison (two daughters; marriage dissolved 1977); died Warwick 25







Louther with Linda Gibbs in The Road of Phoebe Snow, London Contemporary Dance Theatre, 1971

Anthony Crickmay

William Louther

WILLIAM LOUTHER was an unusually talented individual whose powerful but brief impact helped shape the beginnings of British contemporary dance.

His image as a performer remained fixed in the mind of anyone who saw him dance. He possessed not only a sensational, impeccable athleticism, but also a fine-drawn beauty and magical theatricality.

In Britain he is most identified with Peter Maxwell Davies's Vesalii Icones. premiered in 1969 at the Queen Elizabeth Hall and written for Davies's own music ensemble, the Fires of London, a solo cello (Jennifer Ward Clarke) and a dancer. Davies specified images inspired by the anatomical drawings of ham's company, and a few months later Vesalius and the Stations of the Cross. and found in Louther an ideal choreographer and performer. Louther's powerful geometries recalled Graham's precept about the importance of gesture, the gesture that is pure and

does not lie. Louther began to train as an actor at the High School of Performing Arts in 1969 at The Place, dancing Graham's New York, but switched to dance after seeing a concert by the school's dance department. Later, he went to the Juilhard School, studying ballet with Antony

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Martha Graham. In 1958 he joined a company headed by May O'Donnell, a former dancer with Graham, then danced with the mostly black Alvin Alley Dance Theatre and with Martha Graham's own company, creating roles in both.

In 1964 he danced in London with iley's company. Reviewers noted his lithe elegance and intensity and were particularly impressed by a solo in Talley Beatty's The Road of Phoebe Snow, which contained, as Clive Barnes wrote, "a series of jetes in which Louther reverses his body at the top of the jump". In 1969 he was back again with Grawith Donald McKayle's show Black New World, which traced the black American experience through song and

London became a home. He was a founder member of London Contemporary Dance Theatre and appeared in the company's first London season in seminal trio El Penitente and Alley's strenuously virtuosic solo Hermit Sonas in which, as the critic John Percival recorded, he displayed "such modesty, that it almost looks easy".

During the early Seventies, Louther toured with LCDT, creating roles in works by Robert Cohan and Barry Moreland. Steeped in Graham technique, he also acted as a teacher to his fledgling British counterparts; he was an immense inspiration, reminding them in his classes and his performances that dance was about theatre and communication.

Yet the dazzling comet of Louther's career soon fizzled out. Deep within his genius were destructive seeds and colleagues found it hard to work with his demands and reliance on alcohol. He himself wanted to continue choreographing and found performing too much of an additional burden.

virtuosity. In 1972 he took up an invita- before falling ill last year he had been tion to direct and choreograph in Israel, busy making another work with Panova. with the Batsheva Dance Company, which he did for two years; in 1975 he directed Welsh Dance Theatre for a year

view, re-emerging on occasion for one-off performances, either in his own or Atkin; died London 7 May 1998.

Tudor and Graham technique with such involvement and such perfection other small companies' productions. He taught at many vocational schools and earned a reputation as a remarkable, exacting teacher with a gift for pinpointing precisely what he wanted from his pupils. Because his own training had covered a broad span, he liked dancers to be rounded performers, able to combine speech and song as well as movement, and he founded Dance and Theatre Corporation, a part-time company that mirrored this. He himself was an accomplished singer and had studied the piano to professional level at the

Juilliard School His final years were happier. He met a journalist, Sharon Atkin, when she interviewed him for the Caribbean Times. and they married in June 1996. The same year in Israel, as a wedding pre-Later, developing arthritis, he was sent for Sharon, he choreographed a also to say that he preferred not to sab duet called Obsession for himself and otage the memories of his sensational the Russian ballerina Galina Panova: and

Nadine Meisner

William Louther, dancer, choreograph-Thereafter he dropped largely from er and teacher: born New York 22

HISTORICAL NOTES

Friendship of two women spat at

WHEN MARIAN Evans commenced writing fiction, she was "living in sin", with a married man, and felt sure that her books would not receive a fair hearing from the critics. She was sadly aware that Mary Wollstonecraft's and George Sand's work had been maligned and misrepresented because of the irregularity of their personal lives. Imagine her delight when in 1859, after the publication of Adam Bede under the pen-name "George Eliot", she received an ecstatic letter from a woman friend who had recognised her friend. simply by reading reviews of the book:

I can't tell you, my dear George Eliot how enchanted I am. Very few things could give me such pleasure. First that a woman should write a wise and humorous book which should take a place by Thackeray. Second that you whom they should spit at should do it!

This letter was from Barbara Leigh Smith Bodichon, the leader of the Langham Place feminists, named after the address of the feminist journal she had founded. The two women had met in 1850 when Marian had immediately been attracted to Barbara's intelligence and noble looks. She also empathised with Barbara's anomalous social position. She was the adored daughter of a radical MP. but she was illegitimate, the outcome of a liaison between her father and a milliner from Derbyshire. Barbara grew up determined to fight "the unjust laws both of society and country which crush women" In 1854 she published a pamphlet which summarised Lows Concerning Women, explaining that when women married they lost their legal identity - their husbands owned their property, bodies, even children. Barbara followed up on the outcry that followed the publication of her pamphlet with a petition to Parliament. In the space of a few short months she circulated 70 petitions and achieved 26,000 signatures.

Barbara had introduced her friend to the Tales of the Arabian Nights, in particular the story of Perizedeh, who had set out on a quest and succeeded where her brothers had failed. Both Marian and Barbara had overbearing brothers and so took a particular delight in this tale. But more poignantly, the story also dealt with a disgraced mother, who had been accused of producing monsters instead of children. As a punishment the mother had been



locked in a wooden shed and the men going to the mosque had been encouraged to spit in her face. Both Barbara and Marian had been on the end of the Victorian version of spitting, one for her illegitimacy, the other for her elopement. Marian in turn had been cut when she "eloped" with George Lewes. Now. however, Marian's books were rehabilitating the reputation of their

Marian went on writing books. Barbara continued with her campaigns, including one in 1866, to try to obtain the vote for women. Her last major campaign was the founding of the first university college for women, Girton College, Cambridge. This was a long-drawn-out and dispiriting affair. After one dismal Girton committee meeting Barbara had written to her friend, "I am very grateful to you dear Marian for that book & I know it will help us, in fact when some of our Council were very down I felt partly hopeful because [of] the last few pages of Middlemarch." These words are: "The growing good of the world is partly dependent on unhistoric acts: and

life, and rest in unvisited tombs." They seem particularly apt for the "first friend" of George Eliot, Barbara Leigh Smith Bodichon, whose name should be honoured by women everywhere, yet, until now, has hardly been recognised.

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as they might have been, is half owing to

the number who lived faithfully a hidden

Pam Hirsch is the author of Barbara Leigh Smith Bodichon: feminist, artist and rebel' (Chatto & Windus, £20)

Black unity stops at call for Mandela's release

MOST OF Nelson Mandela's followers were not born when he was captured by the South African police 25 years ago tomorrow. Briefly, a couple of years ago, it seemed possible that they might see him "walking hand-in-hand with Winnie in Soweto", in the words of the current South African song. Now the probability is that they will never see his coffin.

He will probably die in prison. After his trial in November 1962, Mr Mandela, then a 44year-old lawyer and leader of the African National Congress, was given a five-year prison sentence for incitement and for leaving the country illegal-ly. In the following year other ANC leaders were arrested. And his diary and other evidence were discovered, which were to lead to his conviction for sabotage and conspiracy to overthrow the government. He began a life sentence on Robben Island, but was transferred to Pollsmoor Prison in

Few people, apart from his fellow prisoners and warders, know what he looks like. The pictures that are occasionally and illegally – displayed of him in South Africa, show him with his hair parted, a short-lived affectation among African leaders in the early 1960s. By all accounts he seems quite fit, and the only evidence of what he thinks indicates that he is at one with the ANC leadership and will not change until he is free to talk to them.

Cape Town in 1982.

To his supporters he is the symbol of the struggle, but to the government he is an unpredictable trump card. Pretoria had hoped to neutralise him by releasing him on con-

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dition that he renounced violence and went into some kind of internal exile, but he would not agree to either.

His release might unleash a hurricane of fury from blacks who believed they were close to a knock-out, but on the other hand Mr Mandela could be the one man who could calm the hurricane and negotiate on points. That is the government's dilemma. For the time being, the army and police have suppressed the township revolt and so Pretoria reckons

it is better to leave him outside. But the government cannot find any other blacks to talk to about the future constitution. Even the black businessmen's association, Nafcoc, and the black municipal association, both conservative bodies, are demanding the release of Mr Mandela and other ANC leaders before they will participate in any consultative body. So is Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi of Kwa-Zulu, regarded by ANC supporters as a puppet and sell-out.

This unanimity is particu-

the United Democratic Front, the spiritual successor to ANC. has been crippled by detentions and emergency restrictions, and the government is offering talks to black leaders and even elected places on the Consultative Council, the proposed body which is to advise on a new constitution. If ever there was

a time for a individual black

leader to pick up the ball and

larly remarkable at a time when

run with it, this is it. But the unanimity on the political prisoners does not extend further among black political organisations. The government maintains that blacks are divided by tribe. In fact tribe plays little part in black South African politics, but they are deeply divided along ideological lines. Apart from its ability to co-opt homeland leaders and armies for them, the government is able to recruit extra police from the rural homelands to keep the townships under control. Government spies are acknowledged to be every-

where. The ANC holds no areas. Radical black leaders from both traditions still at large in South Africa, who would not be quoted, say there is little prospect of resolving these divisions and forging unity by agreement. They acknowledge they are a major obstacle to liberation. And even those who spoke of "one more push" as recently as a year ago are now talking of a long haul - as much as 25 years.

Richard Dowden

From the Foreign News pages of 'The Independent', Tuesday 4 August 1987. The Law Report resumes with the Law Term in October

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WHO PUT the urgency into emergency? The suffixes -ence and -ency (or -ance and -ancy) are usually interchangeable. It makes little difference wbether we say brilliance or brilliancy, prurience or prurience, effulgence or effulgency. An emergency

WORDS WILLIAM HARTSTON emergency, n.

aspect of crisis.

above the surface of the water. Around the mid-18th Yet it has assumed an century, they diverged. An emergence may be worth Both emergence and commenting on, but an emergency demands attenemergency were originally used in the literal sense of tion. A useful distinction. from any other emergence. anything that turns up or especially in an emergency.

GAZETTE

BIRTHS, **MARRIAGES** & DEATHS

DEATHS

CHALMERS: James Alexander (Hamish), peacefully at home on 1 August 1998, aged 86 years. Widower of Lois and father of Iain, Penelope and Robert. Fineral service St Giles Church, central Oxford, afterwards at Leckford Road, Oxford, this Thursday 6 August at noon. Howers to A.W. Bruce, 29 Rogers Street, Summertown. Rovers Street, Summertown Oxford, Telephone 01865 310907.

MARSHALL: Firwen (Judy),
Lady, 31 July 1998, after a courageous fight against a long and
debultating theess, beloved and
loving wife of Sir Roy Marshall
(BE, adoring and adored mother of Susam, Elizabeth, Tony and
Sarali Devoted and cherished
grandmother of Caroline,
Kaebel, Jenny, Lucy, Lara,
James and Sanuel, Service at
the Haltenaprice Crematorium,
Willerby, near Hull, 12 noon, Friday 7 August. No flowers please,
but if desired donations for
the Hull University Student
Community Action, 227837.

PORTWAY: Daphne Laura Moud, daughter of the late Donald and Maud Portway, dearly loved cousin and friend, suddenly, on at July 1994, while playing tenms at her home. Funeral on Friday 7 August 1998, at Spm. in the Chapel. St Catharine's College. Cambridge There will be a memorial service later. Family thowers only, letters to Mrs Eleanor Scott. Donations to the World Wide Fund for Nature', e o Harry Williams & Sons. 7 Victoria Park, Cambridge, telephone (1923) 259430.

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FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

Mr E. Xhigoli and Miss J. E. Gayler The engagement is announced between Mr Emin Xhigoli, of Pristina. Kosovo, and Jane Elizabeth.

youngest daughter of Mr and

Mrs D.R. Gayler, of Kemps-

Queen Elizabeth the Queen

BIRTHDAYS

ford, Gloucestershire.

Mother, 98; Mr James Arbuthnot MP, former government minister, 46; Vice-Admiral Sir Patrick Bayly, 84; Mr David Bedford, composer, 61; Mr William Cooper, novelist, 88; Dr Jack Cunningham MP Minister for the Cabinet Office, 59; Sir Rustam Feroze, gynaecologist, 78; Professor Hugh Freeman, psychiatrist, 69; Sir George Godber, former chairman, Health Education Council, 90; Miss Georgina Hale, actress, 55; Mr Martin Jarvis, actor, 57; Mr David Lange, former prime minister of New Zealand, 56; Mr Ian Newton, former Headmaster, Bedales School, 52; Mr Simon Preston, organist, 60; Mr John Spalding, former chief executive, Halifax Building Society, 74; Mr Peter Squires, rugby player, 47; Mr Bowen Wells MP, 63; Sir Michael Weston, former UK Permanent Representative to Conference on Disarmament, Geneva, 61.

ANNIVERSARIES Births: John Tradescant the

Younger, horticulturist, 1608;

Percy Bysshe Shelley, poet,

1792; The Rev Edward Irving, Presbyterian minister and theologian, 1793; Josef Proksch, music teacher and composer, 1794; Georges-Maurice de Guerin de Cayla, poet, 1810; Ernst Kossak, philogist and journalist, 1814; Arthur Haygarth, cricketer, 1825; Domenico Morelli, painter, 1826; Walter Horatio Pater, essayist and critic, 1839; William Henry Hudson, writer and naturalist, 1841; Knut Hamsun (Pederson), writer, 1859; Sir Harry Lauder (MacLennan), comedian, 1870; Sir Osbert Lancaster.

artist and writer, 1908. Deaths: Henry I, King of France, 1060; Simon de Montfort, Earl of Leicester, killed in battle at Evesham 1265; Sebastian, King of Portugal, killed in battle 1578; Thomas Stucley, adventurer, killed in battle 1578; William Cecil, first Baron Burghley, statesman, 1598; John Burgoyne, military commander and playwright, 1792; John Bacon, sculptor, 1799; Jean-Baptist Vianney, priest, 1859; Hans Christian Andersen, writer of fairy tales, 1875; Giovanni Muzzioli, painter, 1894; Baron Carl Auer von Welsbach, chemist, inventor of the gas mantle, 1929; William Babington Maxwell,

silent-film actress, 1938; James Cruze, film director. 1942; Rodney ("Gypsy") Smith, evangelist, 1947; Roy Herbert Thomson, first Baron Thomson of Fleet newspaper publisher, 1976; Edgar Douglas Adrian,

first Baron Adrian,

On this day: the Barons

physiologist, 1977.

were defeated by Prince Edward at the Battle of Evesham, 1265; Malacca was captured by Affonso de Albuquerque, 1511; the Portuguese were defeated by the Moors at the Battle of Al Kasr al Kebir (Alcazarquivir), 1578; the duty on newspaper advertisements was repealed in Britain, 1853; Lord Wantage founded the British Red Cross Society, 1870; Giuseppe Sarto was elected as Pope Pius X, 1903; Belgium was invaded by Germany, 1914; Britain declared war on Germany, 1914; President Wilson proclaimed the neutrality of the United States, 1914; Trebitsch Lincoln, former British MP, was arrested for forgery in New York, 1915; the second battle of the Marne ended, 1918; Kenya, the Sudan and British Somaliland were invaded by Italy, 1940; President Idi

Today is the Feast Day of St Ia, St John-Baptist Vianney, St Molua or Lughaidh and St Sezni,

Amin of Uganda ordered the

expulsion of about 40,000

Asians, 1972.

LECTURES

National Gallery: Bridget Crowley, "Flight (i): Detroy Two Paintings of Jason and the Golden Fleece", 1pm. Victoria and Albert Museum: Timothy Wilcox. "The lonides Collection", 2pm. Tate Gallery: Jacqueline Ansell, "Painted Ladies and Perfumed Men: dress in Tudor and Stuart paintings"

British Museum: Sally-Ann Ashton, "The Alexandrian School: reality or myth". 11_30am

Wallace Collection, London W1: Rosalind Savill, "Neo-Classical Sèvres Porcelain Vases", 1pm.

APPOINTMENTS

Mr Christopher John Lethem, to be a district judge, South Eastern Circuit.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

Dr Doris Littlejohn, to be Chairman of Court, Stirling University.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, 11am. ought to be no different

novelist, 1938; Pearl White.

Gambling is a serious addiction, and fruit machines offer an easy way in for children. By Emeka Nwandiko

Luke, 15, gambles away all his cash every week. It's something to do, he says



Hi-tech, sophisticated gaming machines offer a temptation that many youngsters find hard to resist

ast month. Luke Bishter of machine-guns and the sound of spent cartridges hitting the floor, Luke's face is a mask of concentration as he plays on a one-arm bandit in his favourite central London

Luke (and five of his mates) have gone to the West End to celebrate the beginning of the holidays by spending his weekly pocket money of £10 on fruit machines.

Every Saturday without fail, 15year-old Luke makes his appointment with his local fruit machines in Watford and every week he spends all of his paper round earnings - £15 - on one-arm bandits. He admits to winning hardly a penny for Paul Bellringer who, as a director of

time. "It's something to do."

According to recent figures, Luke spend their pocket money on fruit machines. It is estimated that as many as 100,000 members of that age group have a serious gambling problem. As he sips a soft drink through a straw, Luke says he does not believe that he is addicted to fruit machines, even though he has been playing them since the age of 12. "It's all about having fun," he says with a chubby-faced smile.

Even at the expense of missing school? He gives a knowing smile, and focuses again on the slot machine. Since we started talking, he has put in £2 and has not won a penny. Such behaviour is familiar to

been received from under-25s. Many "Teenagers have learnt the power of money and not the responsibility that comes along with it," says Bellringer. He is fearful that today's gambling addicts will be tomorrow's social misfits. "Children who are gamblers are likely to be smokers and drinkers, and enjoy taking risks." These views are supported by the findings of a Mori poll conducted last February for the National Lottery regulator, Oflot. Of about 10,000 12-15-year-olds surveyed in over 100 schools in England and Wales, more than 75 per cent gambled on fruit machines (compared to

all his efforts. With a shrug of the the charity Gamcare, offers counional Lottery draw). Of that 75 per selling to young gambling addicts. cent, a hard core of 5 per cent are Since Gamcare set up a help line last likely to exhibit antisocial behaviour October, a total of 12,000 calls has -truancy and stealing from parents to fund their gambling habit.

> If children want to waste their money, it's up to them how they do it' Jeremy, aged 11

hard-core element of gamblers, despite playing truant from school during term-time. And he maintains that there is "nothing wrong with gambling".

His 16-year-old friend Neil agrees. "Playing slot machines is such a 47 per cent on National Lottery buzz. It is the thrill of winning scratch cards, 40 per cent on the Nat-money that makes me want to keep

has been gambling for four years, sses to losing £100 a week on fruit machines. He says he funds his some point lead to serious addiction

The Gaming Board has urged parliament to set an age limit on the country's estimated quarter of a million fruit machines. Tom Kavanagh, secretary of the Gaming Board, says that the 1968 Gaming Act applies to an era when fruit machines were nothing more than "a ball bearing dropped into a hole". The fruit machine that 11-year-old Jeremy Oake and his 14-year-old brother Alastair are playing is a storm of flashing lights and zapping sounds, and they are lured by the potential £4 prize.

Jeremy and Alastair are dilettantes; they have been gambling for

gambling," Neil, who reveals that he only a year, mostly during holiday periods. But Bellringer is concerned that even sporadic gambling can at adults - and teenagers - don't realise

is that fruit machines are a lowstake, low-input, high-frequency game that is interactive and can get youngsters easily hooked," says Bellringer. He points out that the deregulation of betting shops in the early Nineties (when high-street bookmakers no longer had to block out their windows) and the National Lottery have both contributed to making gambling acceptable to the young. An estimated £5.5bn is spent every year on the National Lottery, and Bellringer wants the use of fruit machines to be re-

stricted to over-18s. It is a view shared by the Labour

a playful, innocent pastime. It can

lead to serious addiction. Corbett says he will raise the issue with the Home Secretary in bling in poor families. He is particularly concerned with tackling what he calls the "gamble your way out

of the ghetto mentality". But Jeremy and Alastair, who live in the leafy Surrey town of Godalming, scoff at this view. "It isn't about becoming millionaires. It's about the fact that you can win something by putting a little money in," says Alastair, who reluctantly reveals that he habitually puts "a little money in" the machine until he has none left.

Jeremy is unrepentant. "If children want to waste their money, it's up to them how they want to do it." Names have been changed.

REVELATIONS
IMOGEN STUBBS, ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, CHISWICK, 1967

I'd rather be in church than on stage

want to go into acting but up to now I've thought up lots of reasons that weren't true. Thinking about this interview it suddenly struck me that singing in the church choir was very formative. For some people smelling twisted candy can take them back to childhood, but it is stained glass windows and incense which sends me skimming backwards to six years old again. It is not a comfortable emotion.

I was a terrible tomboy, and I called myself Buzz because I couldn't bear my real name. We lived on a sailing barge, my dad was in the navy and it was the cheapest way we could live in London. Television reception was appalling, and having only a crackly, black and white set, we had to think of other things to do in the evening. My mum was very musical and her family would sing rounds while they did the washing up! I found it excruciatingly embarrassing and never understood why they enjoyed it. I would think: Oh no, it's going to be me in a minute. My mother would look imploringly at me not to let her down

My brother, who is two years older, had a lovely voice and became a head chorister. Rather than to instil me with godliness, I was sent terest in those - I can't say I wasn't

Thursday evenings to themselves! Fortunately, it was the kind of choir where anyone could join - a great leveller. So my lack of natural ability did not matter or perhaps with only chipboard between my bedroom and the sitting room something sunk in each night while my mother played the piano, ten yards from my ear, and my father the flute.

Although St Nicholas was a Protestant church, it was all about ceremony. To start off with I used to be upset by some of the formality why did everyone bend over when the vicar said: he died and on the third day he rose again? However I liked the sweets we were given and the nice outfits: little blue cassocks with white ruffs and a medallion depending on what status you had, mine was very low. We would walk. in procession, into the church and I suppose as a little child I looked quite sweet holding my candle. Services were always full of incident, we used to play snap in the pews, or marbles, which ended up rolling towards the vicar.

In a church choir, you reach an emotional maturity very early on. We would get two shillings for weddings

where the bride was asked whether she "took this man" and answered: no! There were gasps, she rushed off crying and nobody knew what to do. Finally we were hustled back into the vestry and everybody trooped out of church. Who needs theatre?

One of the reasons I particularly liked the choir was a boy called David Dennyer, where is he now? He was gorgeous; around 16 years old, tall, dark-haired with lovely blue eyes. I really used to love him. He must have given me some chocolate or something - at that age you love somebody because they notice you. At funerals we would be singing

next to the coffin, a very grown-up experience for a child. I was not only part of the salve of singing, but also pushing the triggers which would reduce people to tears. Although we would try to be dispassionate, we were inevitably drawn in because that is what music does. It's amazing that one combination of notes is very moving and another is not. I'd sing wonderful pieces of Bach without even understanding the words, but I'd be aware of the congregation sobbing their hearts out. No wonder, today, I often think of the audience

something so great. Yet I discovered the hugeness of the emotions that lived in my heart, brain and stomach. Normally they are tucked away but when they erupted they flooded out of me. The choir also gave me the understanding of how a group of people could be all moved together, uniting in something that is abstracted from them. It makes you feel larger than the size of yourself. Because it happened to me early, perhaps that is why I am constanttrying to re-create it.

I went to Westminster School where I was an OK soprano. Every morning we would sing in the Abbey which was really thrilling. I was one of the few girls, so I could hear my voice echoing back, and people would stare at me. Later I sang with the Chiswick music group where we did the Benjamin Britten Operas. Church was a fantastic theatrical grounding, even if we were only performing to 15 old ladies. We were definitely "on display".

I didn't sing much after leaving RADA_However when I went to auditions, instead of thinking about what I was saying I'd remember the music for "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind", and blub. The words of At such an early age you do not hymns and carols just break my Shaftesbury Avenue, London

I've often been asked what made me along so my parents had Sunday and mercenary. I remember a wedding normally experience grief or love as heart, it is a wonderful asset to have

this emotional sponge inside me.

I have performed in a couple of musicals. I was a passable Sally Bowles in Cabaret, but lamentable as Polly Brown in The Boufriend. The anonymity of the church choir is very different from being under a spotlight, in tap shoes, trying to sing your heart out. I was so execrable they put the spotlight anywhere but on me. Disgraceful

In my twenties I thought it was naff to be in a choir, almost anoraky, but now I have to confess it is something I hugely miss. I would love to get that high again, it's much better

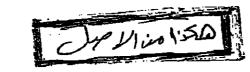
than appearing in the West End.

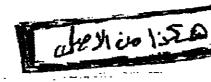
It feels weird, another life that I don't need anymore - a bit like knowing a language but never going to the country. Sadly, my parents are both dead so music has a particular power to move me. The other day I heard a piano piece my mother used to play and it was like being punched in the stomach. Talking about it, I have an urge to leap into a taxi and go to the nearest church so I can dowse myself in music.

INTERVIEW ANDREW G MARSHALL Imagen Stubbs is appearing in 'Closer' at the Luric Theatre.



Imogen Stubbs: 'I was a terrible tomboy'





Wings of desire

Britain's new millionaires share a dream to own a private jet. But this is one mile-high club that's not so easy to get into. By Alex Hayes

he current dilemma facing Mr Blair and the Queen over which make and model of plane to order is less unusual than you may think. They are not the only ones exchanging notes on the economic, moral and practical advantages of their favourite plane. (An American-style Airbus would be Mr Blair's choice, while the image-conscious Queen favours a smaller executive jet such as a Falcon or a Gulfstream.)

For Britain's self-made millionaires, too, such top-of-the-range shopping is far more complicated these days. Private jets were once the property of large organisations, heads of state, exceptional entrepreneurs such as Bill Gates, and a handful of Hollywood stars including Jack Nicholson and John Travolta (Arnold Schwarzenegger waived his \$20m fee for starring in Total Recall in return for a Learjet. It was thought to be a useful tool for his political ambitions at the time).

Now private jets are transporting hundreds of new-rich Brits. David Hood of Pace Micro; the Britpop band Blur, Bernie Ecclestone, the maestro of Formula One; David Whelan, of JJB Sports - all these people are acquiring the once-exclusive jet. (Of course, everything is relative. Despite a huge increase in sales in the last five years, there are still only some 270 jets in the UK. Compare that to the 5,000 Ferraris that grace our shores, and their exclusivity is apparent.)

in the last two years, Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation has had to increase its production by more than 100 per cent. "In the first six months of 1998 alone, we have delivered 43 airsame time last year," says Tricia Bergeron, Gulfstream's vice-president of corporate affairs. In basic economic terms, current demand far outweighs supply. There just are not enough aircraft being built for those who want them.

The Gulfstream owners' list reads like a Who's Who of the late 20th century. Clients include Henry Keswick. Lord Rothschild, the Sultan of Brunei and Joe Lewis - and the recently launched GV is selling well despite its 224m price tag. Falcon Jets, owned by the French aerospace company Dassault, is the only remaining European manufacturer of private jets. It supplies most of the EC governments -among them France, Italy, Germany and Belgium - with the 900 model, a

similar aircraft to the Gulfstream IV. For newer, less established, less wealthy buyers, it is a case of getting hold of whatever jet may be available. "This is a problem," confirms Mike O Kane, president of Wings Associates, a jet sales company in the United States. "The current economic boom - in the US and the UK especially - is creating a large pool of individuals with a high disposable income, and they want something to spend their bonuses on." Don't you feel for them? They are very rich, and willing to part buy a jet's nose or tail in the same way



Britpoppers Blur are among the new breed of Lear jet travellers

with their money, but can't get their as you may invest in a raceborse's leg. hands on this new trophy. The situation is pushing many potential buyers

on to the second-hand market. You can now buy a second-hand jet for as little as £500,000. It may sound like a lot of money, but when you consider that the McLaren F1 car is more expensive than a Cessna Citation, it is easier to understand why more people are investing in jets. Jets may be expensive but they are practical, they save time and they are, relatively speaking of course, an affordable commodity for many people. You can buy a jet, use it for 70 hours a year yourself and charter it for the remaining 400 hours. This way, the aircraft's costs can be recouped. If you are slightly less ambitious, you can part-own a jet with friends or colleagues. Companies such as Netjets in Switzerland offer a cheaper way in to the dream world of planes. You can

However, a recent explosion in the number of second-hand buyers has only added to the difficulties for would-

number the sellers. "Gulfstream IVs, a model which is 10 years old, are selling for more money than they were bought new. Buyers believe that if they be purchasers. Once again they out- are prepared to part with 220m, they

JOIN THE JET SET

THERE ARE currently some 270 private jets in the UK. If you would like to join that exclusive band, the information here may be useful. A plane will incur high running costs £500,000 will buy a plane, not fly it. Set aside another £500,000 for yearly costs. Jet ownership is cheaper, not cheap.

Main manufacturers: Gulfstream 0171-439 0888 Falcon 0181-897 6021

Cost (new and second-hand): Gulfstream V, £25m Falcon 900 Ex. £23m

Bombardier Global Express, £25m

Cost of smaller planes: Cessna Citation, \$2.5 million new, £500,000 second-hand Hawker, £5.5 million new, £3.75 million second-hand

Netjets 00 411 815 5402

Famous owners: The Royal family Sultan of Brunei Tom Cruise Bernie Ecclestone Mohamed al Fayed **JOYS OF MODERN LIFE**

8. CHEESTRINGS BY DEBORAH ROSS



heestrings. Beautiful things to eat. Beautiful, peelable addictive, irresistible, scrumptious, faintly cheesey, stringy things which may or may not be made from two parts latex and one part rubber bands. Frankly, I don't really want to know.

Anyway, pop it from its pack, and out it shoots, like a rubbery, vivid orange sausage which, should it hit the floor, will bounce in a most delightful way. Of course. you may have developed your own technique for eating them, but for myself I think the best way is to start at the top, catching a teeny bit between thumb and forefinger, then pulling down in as steady a fashion as you can manage. Sometimes you will get a satisfyingly big string. Sometimes you will get a teeny little string, like a bit of sewing thread. You never quite know what you're going

It's a brilliantly exciting, unpredictable food. In its stringiness, it's rather like celery but with none of the disadvantages of celery - ie, tasting horrid and not being especially worth the effort and making a terrible noise. such that you are not allowed to do it in front of Animal Hospital. Cheestrings are

blissfully quiet, all told. You can even do them during football on the telly and not get told off. You can do them secretly and not get found out. Who ate the last Cheestring?" "Not me!"

I don't remember how we first came across Cheestrings, an invention so clever that whoever thought of it left out the middle "e" in his or her excitement. Perhaps our young son saw one in someone else's lunch box and started up a campaign. However, l don't think this is likely, as I refuse to give in to children's campaigns until I can't be bothered

any more, and then do. Alternatively, I may have just seen them in Tesco and thought: "Those look spectacularly vivid and rubbery. I'll take 72." Whatever, in terms of cheese snacks, the

Golden Vale Cheestring

is a vast improvement

on, say, the Dairylea Cheese Dipper, which comes with a bread stick and a little section of cheese spread, but must be tackled gently, otherwise the bread stick snaps in the cheese spread and you have to shove in a finger in to retrieve it, which isn't especially hygienic, considering where my

hands have usually been. OK, Cheestrings don't taste of much, frankly. Indeed, I note with interest the list of contents. MEDIUM FAT HARD CHEESE WITH ADDED INGREDIENTS: CHEESE FLAVOURING. COLOUR (ANATTO). If it is made of cheese

why the flavouring?And if there is flavouring, why doesn't it actually flavour the thing? This is partly the charm of the Cheestring, I think. It's just not as straightforward as you initially think. Plus, of course, it's not the flavour that sells it. It's the texture. It's the satisfaction of having something like a bouncy dental floss ricocheting between your teeth. I'm not sure how it's given this texture and, as I said before, don't especially want to know. As for the anatto, it wouldn't be so orange without it and, let's face it, if it wasn't so orange, I just wouldn't like it so much. I am not into "natural" foods which, it seems to me, always involve something appalling, like preparation and having

to choo things. Of course, I have saved the best for last. The really great thing about Cheestrings is that they are both food and entertainment. How many strings can you peel off from just the one Cheestring? In our house, the record is 82 in 40 minutes, which shows what an exciting family life we have. OK kids, we can go to the Science Museum this afternoon, or to the cinema, or bowling or, alternatively, we can just sit here and see how many strings we can get from a Cheestring.

Sit here and see how many strings we can get from a Cheestring? And not go anywhere at all? That's such a lazy, decadent, rubbish idea.

I'm entirely up for it,

of course.

How do you live with the death of a child?

"I WANT to make sure something is done so that children are properly screened in the future." Grahame Livingstone, father of 21-month-old Michael, who died of undetected heart failure on Sunday has one way of coping with his little boy's death: he needs to make sure that it will not happen again.

Why? What happened? Could I have prevented it? Who is to blame? These are some of the questions that people ask when they are bereaved, and often they cannot rest until they find the answers.

Ten years after Julie Ward's death, a Kenyan gamekeeper has been charged with her murder. Her father. John, can finally say: "Now, at last, I can get on with my life." But why did he need this? After all, his daughter will never come back. What has been the point of spending the 10 years, a quarter of a million pounds and 80 trips to Kenya to discover her murderer?

Julie's mother explains: "I desperately want to know what happened and why. It is only when you

know these answers that you can understand and accept it. This is not about punishment. It is about finding out why this happened."

Answering the question "why" is the reason that Caroline Dickinson's father will never rest until he has tracked down the murderer of his daughter, in France. "I have got to move forward," he says. "My main priority is that the murderer is found, and to ensure that safety in hostels is improved."

The parents of Stephen Lawrence have moved heaven and earth to find answers. They did not get any at the recent public inquiry but they found some relief from seeing the faces of the people they believe murdered their son, and hearing the witnesses to Stephen's death.

Knowledge is comforting since however bad it is, however gruesome, nothing can be worse that what your imagination can produce if you let it ramble. Knowledge about what happened helps to lay a person to rest. Knowledge usually brings home the fact that the death After the death of a child, how best can be reaved parents move on with their lives? By Virginia Ironside



was inevitable; there was nothing anyone could have done to prevent it happening. Knowledge of what occurred is a victory over feelings of guilt - an emotion that nearly always features strongly after the

should be able to walk out of the store

with the goods," points out a private

jet salesman. As for smaller, less ex-

pensive second-hand aircraft, they are

extremely rare.
It is difficult to assess whether large

manufacturers such as Gulfstream.

Lear and Falcon have genuinely been

caught out by the sudden boom, or

whether they are carefully controlling

the flow of sales. While supply remains

lower than demand - providing that

it does not totally dry up - interest in jets will remain high. Since the

beginning of time, many people have

wanted to be a part of a small,

For some, the dream may be own-

ing a football club or a Ming vase. For

others, having their own jet represents

the ultimate achievement. Such a

prize possession is a way for individ-

uals to grade their success. And while

that remains the case, private jet

sales are cleared for take-off.

exclusive club.

death of a loved one. Then there is anger. Parents of children who die in hospital sometimes rage against doctors, who have often given their very best service to save them. Or they rail against tiny things, such as the nurse forgetting to put sugar in their tea. They need someone on whom to focus their anger. Discovering who killed their loved ones is a way of getting revenge. Ernest Peters, whose wife Wendy died of peritonitis after her bowel was pierced during an operation, was of-AP compensation wasn't what his disagain. In this way, the parents can final, saddest, act of parenting.

tress was about. "When she died, I feel that their child didn't die in vain wanted to pin someone to the wall," Mr Peters has said. "Solicitors do not achieve something, even though he think in those terms. For them, it just or she did not live long enough to boils down to the settlement figure. They weren't interested in investigating the causes. Everyone needs to have a look at what is going on so that it doesn't happen again. I want someone hauled over the coals."

John and May MacGalliard got £50,000 when their daughter Lorraine died from septic shock after a series of blunders by doctors to help protect women against who failed to realise that she had an ovarian cyst. "This was not about money," they said. "Those doctors ignored a girl in pain. We wanted to go to court to get the truth." And Margaret Connor, whose daughter Janine died during an operation to "They've offered us a settlement, but we don't want it. We want our day in court. We just want answers."

Finding out what happened can often result in steps being taken to - that the child's short life did achieve anything in adulthood..

Anthony Misiolek lost his daughter in the M40 minibus crash; she died partly because there were no seat-belts fitted in the minibus. He has devoted much time to trying to tighten up the laws on seat-belts. Suzy Lamplugh's mother Diana set up a trust in her daughter's name predatory strangers, and Colin Party, whose son Tim was killed in an IRA bomb blast, has since lectured on peace in Northern Ireland.

Getting to the bottom of things is also a way of continuing to look after a child, even after he or she is have her ears pinned back, said: dead. When your child is builted at school, you speak to the head teacher, or confront the builty in the playground. If you did nothing, you would be failing your child. Finding out who killed your son or daughter fered £195,000 in compensation. But ensure that it does not happen and bringing them to justice is the



After years of mudslinging, the Cambridge Footlights troupe have finally hit the spot with their exuberant revue, Between a Rock and a Hard Place

They're funny? What happened?

The Cambridge Footlights aren't funny. Everyone knows that. Except this lot. By James Rampton

ou can see the headlines now. "Cambridge Footlights in quite good show, shock horror" Over the years, Cambridge University's most famous revue troupe have been almost as negatively reviewed as a new musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber.

Footlights is a byword for everything that is most puerile and selfindulgent about student revues - all jokes about cucumber sandwiches and ounting by performers in boaters and waistcoats.

The company have always got the critics' goats. In 1959 the Daily Sketch asked: "What has happened to the Footlights? Jonathan Miller wants to be a chemist and not a theatrical cult - I back his judgement." Three years later, the Oxford Mail reckoned that "somebody's doused so much sick as sadistic, are the is unfocused, immature, well-prowork of John Cleese and Graham Chapman, who are responsible for a lot of the poorer material."

Evening News thought that the 1965 about the 1995 offering. show "can be recommended only to

the parents and friends of those taking part - very fond parents, very close friends". With a perspicacity that only critics can manage, he went on to predict that for the company which included Eric Idle and Graeme Garden "this will probably be the only occasion the cast can be seen on the

I don't hate them for it. It was the Cambridge Footlights, and it's their job to be shit

reviews have, if anything, become duced tosh trading on its name, and these students, like most students, should shut up until they grow up," The reviewer in the London thundered Scotland On Sunday

prising that this year's show, Between a Rock and a Hard Place, is not at all bad. Although containing the bodily functions sketch without which no student revue would be complete, the majority of the show exudes exuberance. There are some sparkingly energetic ensemble set pieces including a hopeless four-man acrobatic troupe who are trying in vain to conceal the rather obvious fact that one of them is a corpse. Individually, the performers are strong, too. Richard Ayoade and John Oliver run through a neat dimwits' double act. "Why do Irish people dance like this?" asks one, acting out

That's not to say that the company aren't aware of their sometimes baleful reputation. "There is this feelprofessional stage". Since then the ing that anything from Oxbridge gets slammed as élitist," sighs Dr Porter the Footlights' l standing archivist. "It's automatic. from the innovative Peepolykus cause the mud shing at them in the ing on the Cam". God forbid. Recently, the company went to Manchester, and I said I could write the reviews beforehand - Why are these snooty Cambridge people expecting us to pay money to watch them?' -Which makes it all the more sur- and it was almost exactly that."

Riverdance. "Because they've had

their arms decommissioned."

Oliver, too, regrets that the company has fallen victim to some class warrior-style sniping about Footlights being stuffed to the gills with Hooray Henrys and Henriettas. "One reviewer said, "these are overpaid students with names like Tamsin', and we were killed as toffs by The Daily Star. It's unacceptable to poke at people for their backgrounds. But if the definition of privilege is being offered good opportunities, then we have to take it on the nose because it's true."

But surely some of the slatings have been justified? "There has been valid criticism in the past that the show has been too self-reflective and navel-gazing and angled too much towards students," admits Daniel Morgenstern, the Footlights'

treasurer and tour co-ordinator. That's just one reason why Footlights this year have brought in an ctor. Cal McCrysta theatre company. He hopes to dispel the spoilt-brat, Bridesheady tag: "There was this image of people swigging champagne and spouting jargon like 'plodge' for the porter's lodge," he says. "They gave the im-

pression that they were the crème de la crème, and a level of youthful arrogance came out. That's why they've got this self-indulgent reputation. When I first went to Edinburgh in 1978, we used to glare in restaurants at Footlights people like Griff Rhys Jones and Clive Anderson.

There has been valid criticism in the past that the show has been too self-reflective and navel-gazing

They had canes and boaters and did tap numbers about sandwiches."

past has stuck. "A lot of the problem stems from the fact that the Footlights inevitably been disappointed."

McCrystal is attempting a Mandelsonian re-branding exercise by presenting this year's Footlights as a Confederacy of Dunces. "The big change has been moving from a typical self-congratulatory Footlights approach of 'this is very witty' to something more of a belly laugh, says Oliver. "Between a Rock and a Hard Place is not a clever-clever show. It's supposed to be stupid. We've developed sides of ourselves to be laughed at. In the past, the typical Footlights way was to place yourself above the joke and say, Tm better than this'. Here we put ourselves below it and set ourselves up for a fall. It's more satisfying than the normal, stand-offish student revue."

But this is just one Footlights company performing one show for one season. As Oliver points out, "next year they may go back to men

The Cambridge Footlights show. are an icon, and icons are there to be Between a Rock and a Hard Place', knocked down," McCrystal continues. is at Pleasance One in Edinburgh "Critics have gone with an agenda - (0131 556 6550) from 5 to 31 August 'can I see the new John Cleese?" - and ond is then touring the country.

Minor's major work

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MOZART HIMSELF was never a Finta (or, being male, a Finto) Semplice - a "mock simpleton", which is the title of one of those early operas he precociously penned while scarcely out of nanpies, under the watchful eye of his astute father, Leopold.

Quite the contrary. By the ages of 11 and 12 the young Amadeus had shown himself a true beloved of the Gods; a composer, aiready, of breathtaking genius. Just the opening bars of his chirpy first symphony confirms that. Yet knowing only Mozart's boyhood opera Bastien and Bastienne, warbled on LP by a dinky pair of Vienna boys, I was totally gobsmacked by the past week's feast of youthful operatic Mozart.

Two of his stunning boyhood stageworks have just been dusted down: La Finta Semplice at the Buxton Opera Festival, nestling beneath its glorious Derbyshire moorland backdrop, and Apollo et Hyacinthus by the newly formed Classical Opera Company at the Royal College of Music in Kensington, a quill's throw from the Royal Albert Hall.

These youthful Mozartian pec-

cadilloes need no apologist. Each is a compact minor masterpiece. The former takes its title from the piece's principal lady (her exquisitely soaring arias sung here by Janis Kelly), a madam of means who feigns naivety in letting herself be wooed by two brothers the one, Don Cassandro (Jonathan Best) a randy, streetwise soldier, the other. Don Polidoro (the deliciously vulnerable Paul Nilon), the real "simpleton" of the opera.

Much of the fun comes from the zany shenanigans of this ludicrous double-wooing. Christopher Wood's designs - tiresomely phallic but all in gorgeous blues and greens, with ingenious shifting perspectives - delighted the eye. Aidan Lang's witty direction was usually tight and canny. Guido Johannes Rumstadt's conducting teased out, time and again, the exquisite skein of this bewitching score. The ensembles of Cosi peeped out in embryo; even Count Almaviva was prefigured in Best's drunkenly philandering Cassandro - who finally wins the bird. Si-Stephenson), has whiffs of Figaro potential.

To cap even the delights of

Buxton, the Classical Opera Company's polished début in Apollo et Hugcinthus proved a pearl beyond price. Just nothing seemed to go wrong. Yet here was a work of staggering beauty. riddled with sweet noises like Caliban's enchanted isle. The Philadelphia-born countertenor Lawrence Zazzo delighted eye and ear as Apollo; Ryland Angel was a pouting Zephyrus (the jealous west wind, villain of the piece), and Sarah Fox as Hyacinthus radiated presence and sang everyone off the stage. Sets (Atlanta Duffy), lighting (Bruno Poet) and direction (Olivia Fuchs) were top-rate. The backstage crew deserved an Oscar, and Father Rufinus Widl - the un-crabby Salzburg professor of syntax who furnished Wolfgang with his art-fully sanitised libretto – a laurel wreath. Apollo et Hyacinthus may be the most poignant "school play" ever written. No wonder all Vienna went nuts about the boy.

Apollo et Hyacinthus runs till 31 July (0171-589-8212), RODERIC DUNNETT

Rowdy rhapsody in black and white

THE MAN entrusted with the firstever Proms performance of the Gershwins' Porgy and Bess made a lightning switch from conductor to bar-room pianist, from the person of Wayne Marshall to that of Jasho Brown, in the opening minutes of this much-loved classic. One moment he was powering the BBC Concert Orchestra through the jazzy xylophone-crazy incantations of the prelude, the next he had donned his battered trilby and was jangling out the low-down blues on a low-down honky-tonk. He knew where it was coming from; he'd digested it as thoroughly as had George Gershwin himself. And that's important, because the real glory of Porgy and

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assimilated the legacy of an entire musical culture. They borrowed nothing they could not pay back with interest, and what they borrowed came with all its social and political implications intact. You don't just get the times in Porgy and Bess, you get the whole emotional subtext across countless generations of the African-Bess lies in the fact that the Gershwins not only recognised but easily

American experience. You get the alise it in the sound. That's techorise of Bess is ripped out in a brassy in the fact that the Gershwins not only recognised but easily journey - the hopes, the fears, the nique. Watching him, you knew how reprise of "There's a Boat dat's

synagogue and the southern baptist church were suddenly of one mind, one voice, one song. And it mourned, it wept, it ached real bad - but it was good, real good.

So you need to know how this music goes; you need to have known it, as it were, in another life. And Wayne Marshall did, he really did. But - and there is a "but", a big one - Marshall is a terrific planist, but he's a fledgling conductor. And it showed. Not in his face, his body and horns behave like saxophones), language, and his self-evident relish of all that this great score has to throw at us, but in his ability to re-

aspirations. George and Ira Gershi it should sound, how he wanted it to leavin' soon for New York", he spoilt Haymon sings anything at all, you win could relate to that. When they sound. The reality was rather difpenned "My Man's Gone Now", the ferent. Marshall's volatility was clearly hard to read. Ensemble was frequently dodgy, rubatos clumsily turned, and phrasing either short or long-winded. Bottom line: you cannot communicate the multiplicatous phrasings of this score simply by feeling them. Dynamics were all ratcheted up too loud, frequently at the expense of singers (though I tiked the edge of the BBC Concert Orchestra - a brazen, showbizzy edge where woodwinds lick it out and when he did "find" a genuine dimax, as at the end of act three, scene two, where Sportin' Life's temptation

it by over-egging it. As I say - technique, and experience.

No disrespect to the BBC Singers and Bournemouth Symphony Chorus, but they were white, very white. And that's the difference between being part of the revivalist meeting and simply an uninvited guest at it. Accept no substitutes. You wouldn't, couldn't, among the principals. Several here were veterans of Catfish Row - and while the years may have taken some of the lustre off the voices, Willard White's Porgy and Cynthia Haymon's Bess are still in remarkable shape. When White sings "when Gawd make the cripple, he mean him to be lonely", his life's story flashes before your eyes. When

hear a voluptuous woman denied her dignity. "Summertime" finds longing My other problem was the chorus. in Maureen Brathwaite's pristine top; as Serena, Cynthia Clarey's soaring melismas can still make it over to the "the other side"; while Michael Forest's Sportin' Life (a little too "soft-grained" operatic for me) finds redemption in Ira Gershwin's waspish lyrics.

So, too, the excellent Marietta Simpson, who sees him off with her deliciously venomous "rap" tirade "I hates yo' struttin' style". That's a scene-stealer up there with Hyacinth Nicholls' Strawberry Woman's street cry. But the Promised Land? Well, maybe next

EDWARD SECKERSON

And Death becomes him

IT IS, I suppose, a tragic fact of history that ethnic cleansing and political murder are as real for listeners today as they were for those of 50 years ago, and that the musical commemorations of Nazi reprisal killings and the murder of a Czech student still

seem frighteningly contemporaneous. Indeed, last Thursday's Prom recalled an alarming evening back in October 1905 when a young Czech student was stabbed to death for demonstrating his enthusiasm for higher education". The words are those of Leos Janacek, who composed an intense Piano Sonata in the student's memory, Andras Schiff's per- Pianist Andras Schiff formance drew maximum expressive capital from the early repetitive slow movement. Death, holding fast to an extremely broad tempo and investing each episode with a wealth of subtle shading. The first movement is marked Presentiment con moto and, again, Schiff's fundamentally ten-

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der interpretation worked well. However, Schiff was less convincing in Dvorak's Piano Concerto, a lengthy piece that was for many years served up in a "pianistic" rewrite by the Prague music professor, Vilem Kurz. a Czech village which the Nazis an- both serious flaws and notable virtue. Schiff played the concerto in its orig-

inal version, and I now understand why critics brand it unpianistic. This being Dvorak, there are love-

ly ideas, not least the first movement's winding first theme, its polka-like secand subject, and virtually all of the second movement. But the instrument that seems surplus to requirements is, oddly, the piano. Virtually everything of interest resides in the breezy orchestral score, whereas the poor soloist is saddled with endless sequences and vapid passage work.

As to Thursday's performance, the conductor Jiri Belohlavek drew some nicely arched phrasing from the BBC Symphony strings, but Schiff - who played from memory - pulled too many punches, preferring filigree finger-work and elastic rubato to a

more obvious show of grandeur. The concert opened with Bohuslav Martinu's gut-wrenching memorial to nihilated as a reprisal for the assas-

sination of the "overlord of the Protectorate of Moravia and Bohemia", Reinhard Heydrich.

Memorial to Lidice is sullen and solemn, as economical and centred as Janacek's Sonata is free-wheeling and fiercely neurotic. Belohiavek's performance had all the right ingredients, but the BBC Symphony's ensemble left a good deal to be desired, especially among the woodwinds.

Paradoxically, it was the wind section that fared best in the closing account of Brahm's Second Symphony, most notably the horn section and Lorna McGhee's expressive flute embellishments of the first movement's lyrical second theme. In other respects, the performance was distinguished more by the clarity and sensitivity of Belohlavek's conducting than by instrumental finesse. It was a well-structured reading that lacked

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Suffering for their art

IF YOU ever thought that art noise terrorism ended with the Manic Street Preachers, then think again, because you're reckoning without His Name Is Alive.

The evening's 15-minute introductory piece is suitably unpredictable - as hefty slabs of stifling guitar noise permeate the room, the pre-show frolics begin. Eager punters take part in all manner of games - a sack race, a "penguin toss" (where members of the audience are invited to knock over wooden penguins by throwing Pac-man cut-outs at them) and a competition

to build a fort from Play-Doh. With prizes of HNIA's latest opus Fort Lake as an incentive, you can't blame people for having a go. Once the band get down to the serious business of playing songs, you realise that the confusion from the

POP HIS NAME IS ALIVE SPITZ, LONDON

begins teasing riffs from his guitar, it's difficult to know whether the organ player Erika Hoffman's look of open-mouthed disgust (directed at DeFever) is a reaction to his choice of song, or just a fey expres-

sion of disguised bewilderment.

Either way, it doesn't bother De-Fever, who sits casually hunched on a guitar case, bare-footed and crosslegged, absorbed in his own endeavour. HINIA's generally underrehearsed performance does De-Fever no favours; it goes beyond the quirkiness that is inherent in their eclectic approach their music over the years has plumbed the depths of blues, dub, gospel, country and earlier japes has seeped into the set. psychedelia, incorporating twisted As the HNIA leader Warren DeFever ethereal harmonies and a whole

variety of skewed rhythms, speeds and unusual chord changes). The raw sound fails to exploit their offkilter eccentricity, which is normally regarded as one of their strengths. and one of their most intuitive traits; the bongos and organ become washed up in the waves of resounding guitars.

It was always going to be an awesome task to replicate something like Fort Lake on a live scale, but there is just no comparison between the two. The gospel singer Lovetta Pippen's soul style doesn't translate well from the album, but the real missing ingredient seems to be the voice of regular collaborator Karin Oliver. who was unable to make the journey due to commitments back home. As Pippen sings This World is Not My Home to close the show, it's painfully obvious that with or without Ofiver, HNIA are suffering for their art.

VELIMIR PEVLE ILIC



Minor, major Welcome to the promised land work Claude Lorrain painted landscapes

drawings reveal a free spirit ahead of his time. By Tom Lubbock

is Mr Classical

nu are here – it almost feels like that. Sometimes pictures, drawings especially, can effect the most direct time and space travel, and a drawing like A Grove of Pine Trees is, in its quiet way, transporting. It is not the sight exactly to which you are carried, but the occasion of the picture's making. The date: sometime in the 1630s. The spot: somewhere in the countryside around Rome. The flicked strokes of brown ink that render the pine needles and spines on the tree trunks are the traces, the plain evidence, of a presence, an artist at work

This and other nature studies are among Claude Lorrain: Drawings, a hundred-odd works on paper drawn from the stores of the British Museum and the Ashmolean Museum. The show is now in Oxford at the Ashmolean and goes to the BM in October. These things can't be displayed much. Their sepia lines and washes, sometimes delicate, sometimes bold. easily fade in the light. In many cases they have already. But even if you know them well, they still come as a surprise.

They surprise by contrast. Claude, a Frenchman who spent his working life in Rome, is Mr Classical Landscape himself. You don't imagine him out and about, on foot or with a donkey,

looking for vantage points, setting up, and taking his observations down fast. His paintings - there's one in a neighbouring Rome, Claude Lorrain room at the Ashmolean - are so eminently studied, staged, balanced, composed.

And while they contain a wide knowl-

edge of the look of the world, its lights and vational work to the finished studies - that atmospheres, his observations are combined and refined into views of some impossible promised land - a country which no viewer could realistically imagine entering. Claude's is a poetry of longing, of hazy distances that pull the eye further than it can see, of long slow fades into invisibility. You are not there and never will be, never could be.

So that's a world, a vision or whatever. But when you turn back to the outdoor In basic matters of taste, we are not drawings of trees and woods and streams, what is clear is that they are a world, too. They are not merely raw material, mixing, a book of swift, rough nature notes. They are another vision, and a rival

Claude's angle here is much more intimate, for one thing. Nature is close up, to hand, transient - these are trees you might be shaded under, streams you could cross, shadows that will pass. He appreciates that nature doesn't always offer a clear view or even a particularly interesting one. A Grove in Shadow depicts a prominent but quite unidentifiable something in the middle ground, just a brush smudge. View of Shrubbery with a Wall is pretty near a picture of nothing at all.

What we see at work, in fact, are completely different criteria for what qualifies as a picture. Images that Claude could never have used to fill a canvas - a clumped screen of trees, stretching horizontally across the paper, with no beguiling distances peeping behind them - can be enough. It is a much more modern aesthetic than that of the paintings, one that values spontaneous and visible marks. simplified and imbalanced motifs, a sense of personal witness and communion. Com-

pared to the paintings, this is much more our kind of picture.

Still, Claude could tell the difference; that is striking, too. We sometimes think that old artists carried on the way they did because they just couldn't conceive things otherwise. But evidently Claude could. He could imagine quite different kinds of pictures from those he painted in oils. He knew the difference. The trouble is,

he probably put a very different value on it. His direct nature studies may seem to carry us straight back through time, setting us on the spot where the artist sat 350 years ago, but in another way they only stress what time-bound, historified creatures we are. For when it comes to drawings, our valuations and those of Claude's contemporaries are hardly in contact at all.

The drawings they prized and collect-ed weren't these outdoor ones, but rather the drawings that were closest to the paintings: Claude's neat composition studies, and the drawn copies he made after his paintings. There are plenty of these studio drawings in the show - indeed, I think a point is being made of this. It is the old struggle between the scholar and the

For it would have been possible to put together almost as large an exhibition with

only the open air studies. But that would simply be to pander to Being a Frenchman who modern taste. Better to spent his working life in show the full range or Claude's drawings, to demonstrate the many roles drawing played in

process. For to devote Landscape himself a show purely to pleasure, to admit that we just prefer the obserwould be historically irresponsible.

Maybe. And of course it would be highly fanciful to suppose that Claude's priorities were really our own, that he felt cramped by the rules of his time, that when he looked at his lovely outdoor work he said to himself: "Now that's what I call a real picture, unfortunately the clientele won't stand for it. I guess I'm just ahead of my time, but we can't help ourselves, can we?" responsible. We can't just bring ourselves to make 17th century judgements about 17th century artists, and I doubt whether

responsible scholar can either. To force the issue melodramatically, imagine some destruction dilemma scenario in which, of two drawings in this show, one can be saved and the other must be lost; and imagine that they are Landscape with Ascanius and the Stag and The Tiber from Monte Mario. The first: a complete drawn study for a painting of the same name, the one in the Ashmolean, though with interesting differences. The second: a very free dissolving open-air view, done in pure wash, with no obvious relation to any of Claude's

paintings.
Which to chose? The second, obviously. That's the picture we want more. The choice is historically conditioned. You can be pretty sure that if the choice had been Claude's, it would have gone the other way. And yet now no other choice could be made. We are here, not elsewhere.

'Cloude Lorrain: Drawings' at the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford (01865 278000), until 13 September; then at the British Mu-



Drawings such as Claude's 'Grove of Pine Trees with a Ruined Tower' effect the most direct space and time travel

Meeten's flowerless vase: "the flower is in the mind'

The flowering of Wayne, a man with metal in the soul

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nealed up to 400 times and is 21st century's icons of contemporary craftsmanship. Wayne Meeten, who was born in Brighton, made it in col-

silver and copper, has been an-

erner to be taught the secrets of Japanese metalwork. Meeten, who is 37, has just returned from Japan, having spent two months living and working with Kitch. Their relationship echoes that of the potter Bernard Leach, who went to Japan 90 years ago, returned with the Japanese master potter Shoji Hamada and became the father of British

studio ceramics. Master metalworkers at Japan's top university, the Tokyo Gaidai, spotted Meeten's gether of sheet steel, from self-taught prowess. They

after which they took him on a folds, a careless blow can fracneed a flower. It is made of gold, surprise visit to Kitch's home. ture the wafer-thin layers. The The pair hit it off, Meeten's likely to become one of the knowledge of t'ai chi helping him establish common ground. Meeten had spent six years

repairing antique jewellery, then eight years at London's laboration with one of Japan's Guildhall University. He began national treasures, Masonobu practising Japanese metalwork Kitch, becoming the first Westtechniques in his final year, using textbooks and trial and error. He won prize after prize, but it was winning the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths' first-prize bursary two years running – against 3,000 entrants - that drew the attention of the Japanese. And he says: "I learned more in my year in Tokyo than in my eight years at the Guildhall".

One of the Japanese techgrain"), the repeated folding, cutting and hammering towhich samurai sword blades is alive. It will tell you."

THIS IS the vase that does not invited him to study for a year, . are made. After hundreds of only British practitioner Meeten found was trying to solder the layers together.

The bowl of his 28in flowerless vase - "the flower is in your mind," he says - is made from gold, copper and shakudo (a Japanese alloy), sliced to reveal the layers and then painstakingly raised by gentle hammering and annealing (cooling) hundreds of times. The vase took a month to make - 10 hours a day, six days a week.

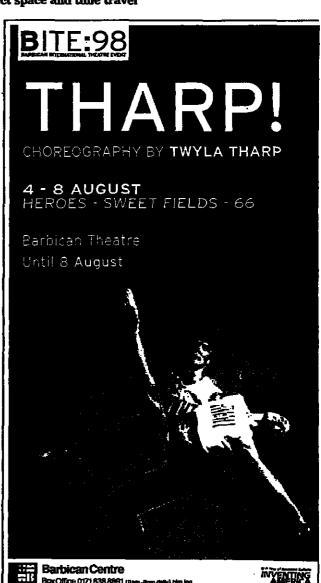
Kitoh taught Meeten shibori, the raising process, pushing the metal from the back, instead of the front as Western metalworkers do. He told him: "Slow down and listen to the Prices: by commission, from work, stop trying to run. If you £2,500. The vase is exhibited in work, stop trying to run. If you niques is molume gane ("wood do make a mistake, ask the metal whether it wants to be repaired or whether it wants to become something different. It tober (01833-690606). Wayne

Meeten wants to establish metalwork "not as a hard, cold medium, but as something soft, tactile and pleasing". He says: "The younger generation is after a fast buck, but you have to spend time learning the fundamentals. You have to root

yourself and grow like a tree. "That way, you can become a stepping stone for the next generation. There will be metalworkers who are better than me, who will take the craft into a new era."

He has exhibited at Bonhams and Sotheby's, but until British collectors learn to appreciate Japanese metalworking skills, his appeal in the West will be narrow

'Spirit of the Times' at the Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle, County Durham, until 4 Oc-Meeten is on 0181-672 6408.



I've lost my keys... I'm going mad

Memory loss amounts to the failure of a fallible filing system - but it can often be easily fixed. By Annabel Ferriman

ncreased forgetfulness as the years go by is disturbing. partly because it is easy to panic and imagine the symptoms are a sign of something more serious. Medical experts, however, are reassuring about the problem. "People worry about it far more than necessary," says Dr Christopher Martyn. of the MRC Environmental Epidemiology Unit, Southampton. "They think their memory lapses are pathological, when they are quite normal."

To improve your memory, it is important to analyse why you forget things. Memory consists of three functions: registering new information, filing it away, and retrieving it. Your memory can fail because of weaknesses in any or all of these functions and, in some cases, the condition is eminently treatable.

If you are not registering new information properly, it could be because you are anxious or depressed. "When you have a patient who might be demented, the first thing to ask yourself is, is this person depressed?" says Dr Martyn, who works part-time as a consultant neurologist at Southampton General Hospital. "Depression is as common as dementia in older people and can be treated."

In a pamphlet called Memory and Dementia produced by the Royal College of Psychiatrists, doctors provide helpful hints about taking things in. "You can't remember what you never heard or saw in the first place. So you need to keep yourself alert and make yourself notice the things that you need to. For instance, you may find it helpful to repeat the name of a person you have just met." it says.

Memory is all about paying attention, which can be a problem for people with short concentration spans. They can also suffer from what psychologists term "information overload" where they simply have too much information to process and file away. Some may fail to take things a particular place for articles that you in because of alcohol, tranquillisers, chronic pain and head injuries, all of which can also affect retrieval.

Certain medical conditions also affect memory. An underactive thyroid gland slows down the whole body including the brain - severe heart or you to remain good at the particular lung disease starves the brain of oxygen, and both high and low levels of blood sugar in diabetes interfere with

the way the brain works. But by far the most common reamation that we want from our filing systems. The best way to deal with it, says Dr Martyn, is to cheat: "Sometimes people confront these easiest way to deal with memory loss is to outflank it. If you cannot remember what you should be doing, for example, keep a diary."

Dr Martyn's booklet, Forgetful-



The normal process of ageing makes it increasingly difficult to extract things from our mental filing cabinets

how to sidestep the problem, from always keeping a notebook with you for writing down tasks, to labelling cupboards and drawers, and deciding on frequently lose.

Unfortunately, there is no evidence to suggest that if you con-stantly exercise your brain with games and puzzles, it keeps your brain alert in every area. It will help game or puzzle that you do, but it will not keep you as capable of learning a new language or musical instrument as you were when you were 30.

Patrick Rabbitt, professor of cogson for memory loss is the normal nitive gerontology at the University process of ageing, which makes it of Manchester, has carried out ex- not smoking and only drinking homeharder for us to retrieve the infor- tensive research in this area and claims that it is not all bad news. "We got two groups of people together, one group in their early 80s and the other in their 50s, who were equally problems head on, instead of think-fast in doing cryptic crosswords and ing of ways round the problem. The compared them in various ways," he says. Although they were equally good at crosswords, the older group did not perform nearly as well in intelligence tests. "What we seem to have found is that, if you go on prac- commonest cause), but that still ness and Dementia (Family Doctor tising some particular skill, you can means four out of five do not,

series) has a dozen different tips on maintain your competence in that skill into old age, but it does not seem to generalise to other areas.

> The good news was that the rate at which the two groups improved with practice was comparable. Both groups improved enormously over 36 weeks and the difference between a practised elderly person and an unpractised younger person was enormous."

But although doing endless mental puzzles does not keep your brain in all-round tip-top condition, there are certain things you can do to try to keep your memory as good as possible. "Unfortunately, they are all the usual boring things, like keeping your weight down, taking regular exercise, opathic amounts of alcohol," Professor Rabbit says.

Alzheimer's disease however is a different prospect. There appears to be little you can do to prevent it and the strong genetic component means that certain people seem destined to develop it. The only consolation is that it is still comparatively rare. One in five people over 80 suffers from dementia (of which Alzheimer's is the

endocrinology department at Middlesex Hospital, says: "There is some evidence that taking hormone replacement therapy may delay the onset of Alzheimer's disease - four out of five recent studies showed it to be useful - but it is too early to rec-

ommend it as a proven preventive

The disease can usually be distinguished from normal ageassociated memory impairment (AAMI) because it is often accompanied by changes in personality (the victim becoming irritable, withdrawn, rude, scruffy, idle or suspicious) and by difficulty with skills learnt early in life, such as dressing and using a knife and fork.

Despite investing a huge amount of money in Alzheimer's research, the pharmaceutical industry has yet to find a cure. The new drug, Aricept. for example, which was launched in Britain last year, is only of limited use. The herb industry and the supplement manufacturers are making dramatic claims for the ginkgo leaf, but

large-scale studies are still needed. So if an elderly relative seems to be developing really serious memory loss and personality changes, the

Professor Howard Jacobs, of the best course of action is to have them thoroughly investigated to rule out other causes, such as the presence of tumours, stroke or blood clots, some of which can be treated.

If your relative definitely has Alzheimer's, there are one or two practical techniques that can help, such as keeping them in familiar surroundings and practising "reality orientation", in which the helper constantly tells the sufferer the day, date, time and what is happening. According to the Royal College of Psychiatrists, "it is a bit tedious but, up to a point, it works".

Of course, there are certain advantages in not remembering everything. The philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche said that it meant he could enjoy many things over and over again, as if for the first time. Dr Christopher Martyn also says forgetting is a useful process to stop the brain getting too cluttered: "Your brain stores what it considers important and discards what it thinks is trivial."

'Memory and Dementia', available free (with an SAE) from Royal College of Psychiatrists, 17 Belgrave Square. London SW1X 8PG.

HOW RELIABLE IS YOUR MEMORY?

Circle the number (1-4) I = Never or hardly ever (a few times a year or less) 2 = Occasionally (a few times each month) 3=Often (a few times a week) 1=Very frequently (every day)

1. Forgetting where you have put something around the

How often do you find

2. Failing to recognise places that you are told you have

3. Having to go back to check whether you have done something that you meant to

4. Forgetting to take something with you when you go out?

5. Forgetting that you were told something yesterday or a few days ago, and maybe having to be reminded about

Failing to recognise, by sight, close relatives or friends that you meet

frequently?

7. When reading a newspaper or magazine being unable to follow the thread of a story; losing track of what it is about?

8. Forgetting to tell somebody something important. Perhaps forgetting to pass on a message or remind someone of something?

9. Forgetting important details about yourself - for example, your date of birth or where you live?

10. Getting the details of what someone has told you mixed up and confused?

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11. Forgetting where things are normally kept or looking for them in the wrong place?

12. Getting lost or turning in the wrong direction on a journey, a walk, or in a building where you have often

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2 3 13. Doing some routine thing twice by mistake. For example, putting two lots of tea in the teapot or going to brush your hair when you have just done so?

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14. Repeating to someone what you have just told them or asking them the same

14-19 Your memory is ercellent.

20-29 Your memory is average but you might find advice on memory aids useful

30-39 Your memory is below average. This may simply mean that you lead a very

40-56 Your memory is very poor. Frequent memory lapses are likely to have a serious effect on the way you cope with daily life. There may be several reasons for this, but it would be sensible to discuss it with your GP.

Taken from: Understanding Forgetfulness and Dementia' by Dr CN Martyn and Catharine Gale, Family Doctor

Having a gas in the lab

IT IS amazing what medical researchers will do in the name of science. Many have injected themselves with experimental vaccines and swallowed new drugs. But few can match the commitment of researchers at the Veterans' Affairs Medical Center in Minneapolis, who... how can I put this delicately?.. exposed themselves to other people's flatulence. That's sniffing farts to you and me. and rating them on a scale from nought (no odour) to eight (very offensive). The arrangements for collecting the farts involved subjects being fed on a diet of beans

and a quantity of rubber

tubing and tape. But I will spare you the details. The two judges, who between them tested the gaseous production of 16 healthy volunteers, were selected for their ability to distinguish different odours, especially those associated with sulphatecontaining compounds. Samples from each volunteer were collected in syringes which the judges held 3cm from their noses as the gas was ejected.

To what purpose?, you ask. The answer is given in the medical journal Gut: to test a commercial device for reducing the offensive odour associated with

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passing wind. The device is known, quaintly, as the Toot

Manufactured in Houston, Texas, the Toot Trapper is a rectangular pad lined with charcoal, worn like a nappy and described as "unwieldy" by the researchers. However, it does work, cutting the sulphurous content of the gases 11-fold. But secondgeneration Toot Trappers could be developed which might be less cumbersome yet just as effective, the

researchers suggest. The US team observes in their paper that farting has been a subject of scientific and scatological interest since the beginning of recorded history. While the social significance of wind derives mainly from its smell, most of the scientific

research has focused on its quantity, which ranges from a light breeze of 200ml a day (a small cupful) to a hurricane force 2.5l.

men produce more

The anecdotal belief that

objectionable flatus - the technical term for wind than women was not supported by the US study. It showed that women were the worst offenders in terms of odour, although volume. The researchers note, however, that the ability of malodorous gas to stimulate the nose is related to the volume expelled, rather than the concentration of its noxious components. Because men tend to pass greater volumes on each occasion there were "no significant gender differences".

The key cause of odour

was found to be hydrogen sulphide, a by-product of the gut's sulphate-reducing bacteria. Sulphate is found in broccoli, cabbage, nuts, bread and beer, and sulphurous amino acids are present in protein. The gases could be reduced by manipulating the "colonic flora" or by binding the sulphate so that it cannot be broken down. For now, though, the answer seems to be that wine-drinking fruitarians make the sweetest-scented partners.

Vitamin B6: the debate goes on

Three million people take it. Nutritionists recommend it. But the Government won't make a decision over safe levels. Why are so many well-informed people arguing? By Jerome Burne

yet another episode in the long-running vitamin B6 debate. The Government has now decided that the nation's health can safely survive another two years without any decision on how much vitamin B6 can be taken without risk of sideeffects. Meanwhile a new committee will look at safe levels for all vitamins and minerals.

An estimated 3 million people regularly take high doses of 100mg-200mg of B6. Most of them are women who claim it helps with menstrual tension, but men at risk from heart disease may take it too. Nutritionists also claim that high doses are useful in treating other conditions, including depression, morning sickness and the side-effects of HRT

"Our advice is still that the safe level is 10mg", said a spokesman from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries (Maff). Such advice is, however, a climb-down from a year ago when Jeff Rooker, the newly appointed food safety minister, declared that in the light of advice from a scientific advisory committee there was a risk of nerve damage from overdosing. And within a few

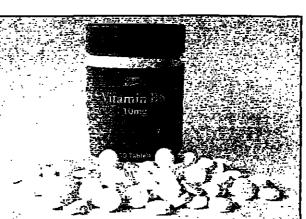
LAST WEEK the curtain fell on months the Government was planning to ban the general sale

of larger amounts of B6. This change sparked off a vociferous media and lobbying campaign. Some 110,000 letters were written to MPs and early day motions were signed by an almost unprecedented 200 MPs. In May the decision was looked at again by the Commons agriculture select committee, which roundly condemned the 10mg limit as "scientifically unjustifiable".

"Rooker was furious when we got the committee to take the matter up" declared Christopher Whitehouse. whose company, Good News Communications, handled the parliamentary lobbying. "Pressure was put on the

Labour members to vote against an investigation, but it turned out that one of them regularly took 200mg of B6 daily and another used other supplements, so that was the Labour majority gone."

Out of 49 submissions, 45 opposed the Government's proposal and the committee issued a damning report. They recommended 100mg as a safe level and lambasted Professor on B6 involved 50 nutritional Frank Woods, head of the orig- and medical experts found no



B6: nutritionists claim they are very beneficial

mittee, as "curt almost to the point of rudeness in responding to articulate and well argued criticisms." So what is the poor con-

sumer to think? The Committee on Toxicity (COT), consisting of 16 eminent scientists, says 10mg. But the B6 Task Group of 230 British doctors and scientists criticised COT's findings, and the evi-dence of the US National Academy of Sciences (NAS)' report

adverse effects below 200mg and recommended a level of 100mg " to be super-safe". How can experts come to

such different conclusions? Partly because of a clash of medical cultures. Traditionally the medical profession has never taken seriously the "supplement and extra vitamins" approach to health. It is frequently said that there is no hard evidence that exceeding the recommended daily allowance does any more than give you very expensive urine. But, increasingly, research is

suggesting that extra supplements can have a protective effect. One, cited in the NAS report, found that not only was B6 effective in reducing heart attacks, but the more you took, the greater the protection, up to about 100 mg. Last year another study found that massive amounts of vitamin E also protected against heart attack What is more, the hard evi-

to be shaky. In the end COT's position rested on two cases, both of which were discredited. All this has raised the issue of the quality of advice that the Government is getting Lady Mar, a vociferous campaigner

dence for limiting B6 turned out

on the dangers of organophosphates, feels that the whole system of advisory committees. with senior scientists meeting in private, needs reforming. "The professors are looking for money for research and a major source of funds are the chemical and drug companies. The committee needs to be more open, and drawn from a wider cross-section,"

The Group on Vitamins and Minerals, minus Professor Woods, follows exactly these principles, so the B6 debate may yet have a useful ending.

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Far too long on the couch

Psychoanalysis may be a costly mistake. By Jack O'Sullivan

The Beatles were just becoming famous and Harold Wilson had yet to be elected prime minister when George had his first session with his psychoanalyst. When he finally stopped paying the bills, John Lennon was long dead. Margaret Thatcher had been running the country for nearly a decade.

Yet George felt no better. Twenty-four years on the couch had left him so depressed and phobic that eventually he could not drive himself to see the analyst. A taxi picked him for his weekly session, waited outside with the meter ticking for 50 minutes, then brought him home again. One third of his small and irregular income had gone on the therapy.

He was 65 years of age. "When I gave up, I was coming up for my pen-sion. I thought to myself, This is the end of my life and I've paid all this money and I'm worse than when I started"." But it didn't end there. After he complained about the length of time his treatment had taken, his analyst gave him several years of free sessions followed by a and incompetent practitioners - are period of chats on the phone. Mar- now asking of the Government. In garet Thatcher fell from power. John Major came and went. Tony Blair arrived in Number 10.

In all, the relationship continued for nearly 35 years. But for George to protecting people such as George. relief did not come until nine months ago. His GP prescribed Seroxat, an antidepressant drug. "Tm a changed man," he says, now aged 75. "I'm ration of psychologists," says the much better than I was, confident, British Psychological Society. "We

able to go out. It's given me a chance to live a little.

But this relief has also left him angry about decades spent with a psychoanalyst, whose principles eschew drug therapy, who never suggested a second opinion - a professional who never entertained the possibility that George was in fact affected by a chemical imbalance that talking alone could not resolve. George has a file of correspondence with his analyst and of unsuccessful complaints to the national body to which he is accredited. Interspersed among the letters are desperate notes hand-written over the years such as "Long-term psychoanalysis is the nearest thing to legalised mugging. Your brain is scrambled and your bank account damaged beyond belief." Another note asks: "Why is it that the sick and gullible are not protected from falling into this addictive trap?"

It is a question that those who recognise the benefits of the talking cure - but who worry about abuses opposition. Labour expressed considerable interest in creating a respected regulatory framework for therapists in the mental health field, In government, despite lobbying, ministers are stalling. "We've drafted a bill for statutory regist-



clinically depressed, in other words Nicholas Cage and Elizabeth Ashley in 'Vampire's Kiss'. There is no regulatory framework for therapists to work in

Boateng. The Government is saying you have made your case, but there is no parliamentary time. Meanwhile, in the rest of the business there are 67 different bodies, which cannot agree among themselves on training, examination or regulation. The combination of their confusion and a government lacking in political will means that anyone can call himself a practitioner."

The results of this neglect have been devastating for people such as George. His psychoanalyst may be a conscientious man. But George would have had no idea what he was letting himself in for back in 1964. He found himself with practitioner obsessed with a fascinating theory that is umproven. The analyst was trained in the school of Melanie Klein, which locates formative psychological experiences in the first few months after birth. Indeed this particular individual has pursued the Kleinian ideal into absurdity, focusing on foetal experiences. Most important, Kleinians place emphasis on trans-

have had meetings with Paul ample, anger towards the analyst relates to a transfer of the patient's primitive experiences rather than anything the analyst might have done wrong. So when George complained about his treatment, it was seen as no more than a transfer of past distresses on to his analyst. His angry complaint was interpreted as a healthy development.

> Reading the lengthy correspondence between the two men reveals that the analyst had extraordinary control over his patient. When George made a formal complaint about his treatment and sought compensation, the analyst persuaded him to withdraw it and promise in writing never again to pursue it. The analyst typed out the recantation on his own typewriter and got his patient to sign it. The Independent has a copy.

Other letters from the analyst left George terrified. On one occasion, the analyst commented on news that George had had a cancerous cyst removed from one eye. He said he was unsurprised, given George's anger ference, the notion that, for ex- which might, he said, become mal-

HOW TO AVOID QUACKS

■ Choose someone who has achieved success with at least one other person you know

■ Ask the therapist for a note in plain English explaining what is entailed in the treatment, notably how long it might take.

■ Agree a period after which your case will be referred to an

■ Seek the telephone number

reassessment

and address of an independent body to which you can complain if you are at all worried about the treatment.

independent second opinion for

■ Try more than one therapist. Shopping around is hard when you feel ill, but it is essential.

check. This is the standard language of the analyst, finding psychosomatic expression of mental distress.

But to George it amounted to a threat that if he did not keep quiet he could contract cancer again. When George contacted The Independent, he also said that he felt he had been blackmailed.

His analyst had, he says, threatened to reveal a marital infidelity if speak in detail about his patient to Abuse in Therapy: 0171-229 9793

ignant, like a cancer, if not kept in he pursued his case. The analyst firmly denies blackmail. But he acknowledges that in a court he might have had to refer to the event to explain how he believes George's rage reflects suppressed sexual urges. The analyst thus inspires little confidence that he respects a central tenet of the patient-analyst relationship - confidentiality. Indeed, I

was surprised to find him willing to

me over the telephone without first seeking permission from George. It is a murky, confused story. Reality is not easy to find in a 35-year-old psychoanalytic relationship. I have not named the psychoanalyst, a man respected in his field, on the grounds of his own advanced age and because his patient declined to be identified. But I certainly would not want anyone I cared about to have attended a man whose practice is based on theories so powerful, yet

so lacking scientific support. You can understand why George now says: "I feel that I have been cheated not only out of the fees that I paid, but also out of a valuable lifetime wasted."

He has taken his case to Abuse in Therapy and Counselling, a support group in London. But, in the absence of firm government guidelines as to permissible practice, George can probably achieve little. All he may be able to do now, at the age of 75, is relish the benefits of at last having found the right antidepressant drug.

The end of the blood transfusion is nigh

'Bloodless surgery' could revolutionise medical procedures, as well as freeing Jehovah's Witnesses from life-or-death dilemmas. By Roger Dobson

replacement operation, Phiroze Kapardia, a 67-year-old mathematical physicist, knew he risked losing several pints of blood. As one of Britain's 125,000 Jehovah's Witnesses, he also knew that, if a blood transfusion were necessary, he would have to refuse on religious grounds. So Mr Kapardia had his hip replacement done using so-called bloodless surgery, in which the blood spilt during surgery - normally sluiced away - is cleaned and returned to the body.

surgery not only for Witnesses but tians should not allow blood to enter

WHEN HE booked in for a hip for other patients, too, because it eliminates the risk of acquiring an infection from donor blood. It has already saved the lives of three people at one hospital who would have died as a result of massive blood loss following liver injuries.

A significant number of hospital atients are Witnesses, and the issue of transfusions is one of the most fundamental they will ever face - for some the decision will mean the difference between life and death.

"Our belief is based on the clear biblical command, which goes right The technique is revolutionising back to the time of Noah, that Chris-

their bodies," says Paul Wade, the ing up challenges to Witnesses. As mixes it with a drug to ensure that salvage," he said. "A number who spokesman for UK Witnesses. For well as the transfusion issue, there it does not clot, washes it, filters and had ruptured livers would probably Mr Kapardia, who had his operation in Colchester using equipment from Basildon General Hospital - one of the few British units to have invested in the technology - there was no dilemma. "It is your own blood, and it is kept in a closed circuit. The spiritual view is that it should be discarded if it becomes detached from the body, and with this equipment it doesn't. This is equipment that every hospital should have. It's not a case of being a religious crank, because everyone would benefit." Technology is continually throw-

is kidney dialysis, where blood is taken out of the body and then returned, and the growing trend of people stockpiling their own blood.

But Wade says: "A situation where people go into hospital a few days ahead of time and store their blood is not acceptable to Witnesses. God's view is that blood is a sacred substance, and once shed it must be used for no other purpose."

However, most Witnesses find bloodless surgery acceptable. The equipment collects all the blood that haemorrhages during surgery, people on whom we have used blood

spins out extraneous material and delivers the blood back to the surgeon, all in five to 10 minutes.

Wade says that Witnesses have been told that they must make up their own minds on whether or not this technique conforms to their beliefs: "We don't feel it's right to make a ruling. It is down to the individual. Most Witnesses are happy to accept this equipment."

Dr Dafydd Thomas, a consultant at Swansea's Morriston Hospital, is another enthusiast. "We have had 25

have died because of the amount of blood loss involved. Take-up of this technology has been slow in Britain but there is no reason why every hospital should not be using this kind

of equipment." In the USA, a series of 100 openheart operations carried out without blood transfusions at the Cornell University Medical Center has shown that even the most complex operations can be carried out without using blood transfusions. Dr Todd Rosengart, who led the Cornell work, says the technology means

that the days of extensive use of blood transfusions are numbered. "In the old days, 20 years before Aids, surgeons were relatively cavalier about blood transfusions. Now, if you talk to heart surgery patients, their main concern is not the operation but the risk of having a transfusion."

Hospitals that use the technology have reported a drop in blood transfusions of up to 20 per cent. Some clinicians believe that the need for transfusions, which have been at the centre of infection scares involving Aids, hepatitis and CJD, will significantly decline with the increase of bloodless surgery.

How privatisation has led to a private hell

IT MAKES a kind of sense to me that most manufacturing industries and some services such as airlines, deliver a better product if they are done for profit and with accountability to shareholders. But I have never been able to accept that there is any intrinsic reason why vital services will be more efficient if they are privatised - railways,

water, electricity and so on. What stopped the Civil Service from simply rationalising these industries themselves, if they were overmanned? Why does it make sense to pay the same managers three or four times more to do the same joh? As a senior water industry executive told me recently; his job is the same; all that has changed is his pay packet and capital assets tthrough share options).

The true cost of the Tory privatisation would include the bungs totherwise known as sweeteners) given to investors to encourage them to buy the family silver Only by massive, hidden public subsidies was this possible: under-priced shares and assets, huge fees to NM Rothschild and other merchant bankers and the liberty to sack large swaths of the workforce, making them equally dependent on the taxpayer through the dole. We footed the bill for thousands of already powerful and often rich people to become more so in the name of better services and the end of monopolies. In most cases nothing of the kind happened and, as is becoming increasingly public knowiedge, dividends to shareholders and directors of the likes of the water and train industries have been huge: a survey of six water companies, for example, showed that an average of 21 per cent of the bill that you paid was given away as dividends. On top of this, but rarely

considered, is the social audit of privatisation, the less tangible costs, the human ones. The farming out of much community care for the elderly and disabled to private agencies is a fine example. Celia is 45 and rendered

wheelchair-bound by multiple sclerosis. She cannot stand or move her legs, she is without bladder control and her numb hands allow minimal dexterity. Although she can think, talk and feed herself, she needs help for basic tasks including showering. dressing toileting and moving in or out of bed and car.

Privatising her care has resulted in her carers changing with depressing frequency. It has made the ex-nurse who won the tender from her local authority a millionaire, but that manager's individual wealth is at the expense BRITAIN ON THE COUCH



OLIVER JAMES

Why is this system cheaper and, above all, how is it a better way to meet the needs of the disabled?

of Celia's well-being and subsidised by the low pay (around £3.50 an hour) and precarious conditions of work of her carers.

She described her plight to me in a letter. "Despite the valiant efforts of my loyal husband and four children, I require daily visits from the agency carers to help shower and dress me in the morning. When this started threeand-a-half years ago, I found the intrusion of strangers into my life

very difficult to cope with. "It requires trust to be lifted from my wheelchair to the shower chair or bed, to be undressed and to reveal where I keep my underwear or clothes: trust that I will not be dropped... trust that I will be treated with dignity and that in my dependent state where I cannot fend for myself, I will not be abused. The dependence on others is frightening."

Celia draws an analogy with child care. "A baby is completely at the mercy of its carers. It yearns for familiar carers who understand its unique needs, and the same applies to me. The more I know the carer, the better it is.

"A shower involves lifting me from loo or wheelchair on to and off the shower chair. As my legs do not work this involves a very close embrace to ensure safety. To go through this experience stark naked with four strangers in a week is horrendous.

"I have had so many different carers over the last three-and-ahalf years that I can remember only a few of their names. Since I complained about this the rota manager has occasionally got it down to two carers a week. Considering that the manager was once my carer you would think she would understand how distressing this is, but she has a constantly changing, low-paid workforce. This week I had five, all but one of them strangers. I was so angry – I felt like a thing, not a person to be

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"By contrast, familiar carers understand my idiosyncrasies and desire to have an illusion of independence. They know where I keep my clothes and my favourite outfits, what to do if my legs spasm and the routines which ease the pain and tedium. . "I am beginning to detect in

myself the depressed, resigned feeling that I have observed in babies who have had constantly changing carers. I can hardly be bothered to try and relate properly to my present ones. I worry also for the lone elderly people who make up most of the agency's clients, for whom the carer is often their only visitor of the day."

Before privatisation there were perfectly adequate public servants managing community care who were paid perhaps £30,000-£40,000 a year. What has been the point of creating millionaires to do the same job? The extra £960.000-£970,000 incurred can only have been put in their pockets by allowing them to cream off profits through exploitation of carers and taking money from the public purse. Why is this system cheaper and, above all, how is it a better way to meet the needs of millions

of dependent people like Celia? Let us hope the Government will put right the dehumanising consequences of care done for profit rather than as a service.

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White knight rides in to Carlton

teve Hewlett, the new Director of Programmes at Cariton, is best known as the editor who worked with Martin Bashir to secure Panorama's historic interview with the Princess of Wales -winning the highest ratings for a current affairs programme in television memory.

Since that Panorama coup, the rise and rise of Steve Hewlett has been something of a television industry phenomenon. A year ago he came within a hair's breadth of winning the Controllership of BBC 1. When he lost out in the final stages of the race, he immediately left the BBC to work for Michael Jackson at Channel 4 as Head of Factual Programmes.

Now, after only 10 months, he has again been lured away, this time to Carlton, where he will start in September. The general perception is that Steve Hewlett has been brought into Carlton to save its reputation for factual programming, and help get its licence renewed," says an executive at a rival television company. And the thesis makes sense.

Over the past few months Carlton has had a bad press. Last year its documentary. The Connection, won eight international awards and was sold to 14 countries. But in May the programme was branded a fake. Instead of interviewing members of Colombia's notorious Cali drugs cartel, the Carlton team was accused of using a retired bank clerk and a friend of a researcher to act the parts.

The industry watchdog, the ITC, started an investigation, which had been active for only a few days when another Carlton programme was challenged. This time an "exclusive interview" with Cuban President Fidel Castro was accused of being cobbled together out of old Castro clips. That documentary, Inside Castro's Cuba, is also being scrutinised by the ITC.

Steve Hewlett must now persuade the FTC that these were rogue programmes and that Carlton's general reputation is intact. It is important that he succeeds, since it is the ITC that will decide sometime in the next few years whether Cariton's licence is to be renewed.

But Mr Hewlett's task is complicated by a history of tension between Carlton and the ITC and, to some extent, tension between Carlton and the rest of the television business.

"When Carlton won the London franchise from Thames in 1993," says a TV executive, "there was a feeling in the industry that brave and noble Thames had been robbed of its franchise by a more philistine company. Carlton became the organisation that we all loved to hate."

At that time Michael Green's Carlton was somewhat brash, and was promoting itself as a commissioner-broadcaster, an alien concept to producers and editors keen to see in-house programming nurtured by the big companies. The criticisms of Carlton came dramatically to the surface when the ITC published a damning report of the company's first-year performance.

It said Carlton was performing "well below expectations", and demanded "significant improvements". The watchdog also lambasted a huge Carlton success, Hollywood Women, dismissing its "lurid superficiality" and branding it as "essentially glib".



The world-famous interview with the Princess of Wales was the beginning of a meteoric rise in television for Steve Hewlett (below), the new Director of Programmes at Carlton

members of becoming mere television reviewers, and irritated the rest of the industry by praising Carlton's commercial approach. Programmemakers still remember Mr Jackson's pronouncements as a declaration that serious factual programming was dead.

Little by little, Carlton has been recovering from that rocky start. With the acquisition of Central TV it bought in a wealth of programmemaking skills and by this May managed to secure a rosy annual report from the ITC The regulator said Central had

delivered a popular and high quality schedule, and was particularly complimentary about Carlton's drama output, which included the Daphne du Maurier classic Rebecca, and the medieval mystery series Cadfael. Then The Connection scandal broke, and it was as if the clock had been wound back to the bad old days.

Those who have watched the rapid ascension of Steve Hewlett proach to selling its programmes to

programme-maker, being in one sense the inventor of the now ubiquitous docusoap. Before Vets in Practice or Driving School were even dreamed of, Mr Hewlett commissioned Children's Hospital, one of the first big series to make "ordinary people" into doc-

umentary stars. such controversial programming on to the airwaves.

he is perceived as the sort of man the ITV network can do business with. Insiders say that Carlton's ap-

Carlton came out fighting. Its think he has the right qualities to the network centre has been too done a stint at the Beeb. To greater top directors and producers, Carlton, is scorned by Sky, which has signed then managing director, Paul Jack- make amends between Carlton often lacklustre, that the company and lesser degrees, they all know Steve on the factual side at least, has been up all but one of ONdigitals' 30 son, annoyed the ITC by accusing its and its detractors. He has a for- has not always embraced the mod- Hewlett and how he works. midable reputation as a factual ern cut and thrust of marketing

> He also has a blue-chip track record at the most serious outposts of current affairs. He was responsible for last year's acclaimed Provos programme on Northern Ireland, on which he worked with veteran reporter Peter Taylor, and which included interviews with selfconfessed former terrorists. It takes someone with an intelligent approach to journalistic ethics to get

Perhaps most important though,

Mr Hewlett is well trained in that world. The BBC is now run on a system of hard sell by programme-makers to channel controllers. And the top brass at ITV, the people who commission and buy programmes, have

Others think that Carlton has slipped behind on nurturing a strong

Hewlett commissioned 'Children's Hospital', one of the first series to make ordinary people stars, but he also has a blue-chip track record at the most serious outposts of current affairs

talent base. While the BBC has been constantly in the news for offering extended contracts to its stars from Jeremy Paxman to French and Saunders, and behind the scenes has been doing deals with

saving for the following day.

but Clarke needed the story.

Scottish Mirror - meaning

Last time a spat like this broke

out it cost Mirror Group over

£100,000 within a few days.

Now full-scale war has broken

relatively idle.

Steve Hewlett is well equipped to address the problem of the talentbase, but his appointment also has its critics. He is untested on the wider stage upon which he has now arrived. As Director of Programmes he will be responsible for everything from light entertainment to drama, a huge departure for a documentary-man.

And he faces a daunting challenge as part of the team that is charged with turning ONdigital into a cash cow for Carlton. Formerly known as British Digital Broadcasting, ONdigital is the £300m 50-50 joint venture with Granada that amounts to a gigantic bet that the British public will prefer digital terrestrial television to Sky's digital satellite, or the digital cable services that will be unveiled next year.

Carlton reckons that its advantage in this three-horse race lies in its assertion that viewers will opt for 30 quality channels on ONdigital, rather than the huge and variable assortment of about 200 channels offered by its competitors. That claim

But of particular relevance to Mr Hewlett is a second criticism - that some of Carlton and Granada's digital channels are not of high enough quality. According to Merrill Lynch's media analyst, Neil Buckley, they have big overlaps with each other; and it would make sense to merge them.

This presents a whole new raft of challenges for Steve Hewlett. If ONdigital's programmes are not sufficiently attractive, the project may fail to attract the two million subscribers it needs to break even, let alone pull in the five million it needs to make the £250m a year predicted by Granada boss Gerry Robinson.

It would not be surprising if Mr Hewlett is feeling a little frightened by these challenges, and by the speed with which his career has progressed. Five years ago he was a lowly editor of Inside Story, pitching programme ideas to the Controller of BBC1, Jonathan Powell Now, Mr Powell is the highly regarded Head of Drama at Carlton. and Steve Hewlett is his boss.

Cult viewing worth paying for

applications. Media offerings so good the public just can't refuse them. For pay television so far the killer applications have been Premier League football and first-run movies.

Until now those first-run movies have not tended to be the kind that look like killer applications to the reviewers and readers of The Independent. Instead the Hollywood action blockbuster dominates the pay movie channels just as much as it dominates the multiplexes.

Pay television, when first launched here in the late Eighties, was supposed to let a thousand flowers bloom. Opera channels were promised. Ballet by the yard would go hand-in-hand with Hollywood beamed into your home.

But, with the exception of small cable channels like Performance, it is difficult to escape the perception that more television channels just mean more of the same.

paid-for parts, is that so much of it is already available on cable or satellite and a lot of that has already been on terrestrial television.

ject that at last looks like exciting the final price is yet to be confirmed.

ANALYSIS PAUL MCCANN

chattering classes about paying for a television channel.

Channel 4 announced last week that it will launch Film Four in November, its independent and international film channel. Film Four frustration of reading repeated re-

Its appeal lies in that it is offering a new distribution system for art house films that in recent years has disappeared from many cities and towns. If you live outside London, the

Without Channel 4 there would have been no 'My Beautiful Laundrette', no Mike Leigh films has a solution to the problem thrown

will offer something different: independent films from around the world that the channel describes as "cult, controversial, uncensored and uncut". It will screen several films a night and broadcast for 12 hours a day. Crucially it will be available as The curse of digital, especially the part of ON digital's terrestrial package, as part of Sky's satellite digital package and on analogue cable and analogue satellite packages, It will cost a few pounds a month on top of But out of this mulch comes a pro-each operator's basic package - the

views of films that never make it to your local can be replaced with a

satellite dish or a set-top box. And as befits Channel 4's status as a public service broadcaster, Film Four can also be seen as being in the national interest.

There is no doubt that as well as annoying Daily Mail readers, one of the great benefits of Channel 4 has been the boost it has given to the British independent film industry. The production of films in Britain

all-time low of 24 produced in 1981. Channel 4 launched in 1982 and has since financed or part-financed 262 films. Without Channel 4 there would have been no My Beautiful Laundrette, no Mike Leigh films such as Naked or Secrets and Lies and none of Ken Loach's radical, difficult films such as Raining Stones.

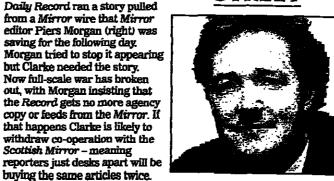
should take a lot of credit for the fact that in 1996, the last year for which there are complete figures, there were 128 pictures made in the UK. Now, with Film Four, the channel

Many argue that Channel 4

up by the success it has helped to create. In 1995 over 50 per cent of British films failed to make it to a cinema screen. Last year it was worse.
If the market for independent and foreign films is not big enough to sup-

port art house cinemas, then a real THE PROPERTY pages of the henefit of digital technology could be current Harper's and Queen its use as a new distribution system. are as usual instructive of The downside is that it will not be poshow the other half live - or sible to pick off just Film Four and pay rather the top 5 per cent, to for it separately. Nevertheless, it be accurate. However, this sounds at last like a killer application time around they are more that will do a bit more than just make instructive than normal, movie stars, football players and containing as they do an slipped from a high of 150 films made Australian media moguls richer. advert for Elisabeth

MUCH UNHAPPINESS has broken THE WORD out between The Daily Mirror and its so-called sister title The ON THE Daily Record. The two newspapers share wire services **STREET** and last week Martin Clarke's Daily Record ran a story pulled



Murdoch's house, which is up for sale. She's moved to Notting Hill, but unlike the more intrusive breed of newspaper we won't be identifying her old passion pad. Come to think of it, neither will the more intrasive breed of newspaper.

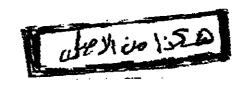
BBC PRODUCERS are outraged at plans by the corporation to hold onto any cash they don't spend on programmes. In the past if a

producer kept his programme under budget the money saved could be used as development money for the next programme proposal. This is to be ended. BBC bosses were apparently convinced the money was being used to send out for beer and pizzas. What they don't understand is that beer and pizzas is development money.

YOU MICHT think that The

Daily Mail would fulminate with rage at Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas. After all it is chock-full of blotter acid, mescaline, quailudes. cocaine, grass, tequila and ether, and that's just the first page. Yet obviously the Mail's marketing department is a bot bed of liberalism compared to the editorial floor. For the Mail is the proud sponsor of the Edinburgh Film Festival's Galas, which includes Fear and Loathing and Welcome to Woop Woop by Stephen Elliot. Fortunately it is also sponsoring a film starring both horses and Kristin Scott Thomas, a Daily Mail fantasy if ever there was one.





Is Alton up to the climb ahead?

Rock climbing is nothing compared to the uphill task facing the new

editor of The Observer.

By Paul McCann

ROGER ALTON, the new editor of The Observer, is a man obsessed with rock climbing. Lunchtimes are spent on a climbing wall. Now he has the climb of his life - dragging the circulation, the morale and the look of his new paper back to its previous heights.

He starts off with a backpack full of goodwill, for he is a man universally liked and admired. The only half-negative story heard by this writer is a tale of his getting cramp in his leg while dancing at a hip drum 'n' bass club, and having to limp off the dance floor.

And his popularity should have professional implications for his new job. Under Will Hutton, the previous editor and now editor-in-chief of The Observer, a climate of division developed that saw Hutton and his supporters pitted against his deputy, Jocelyn Targett, and supporters of Targett's radical plans for

Under Hutton's predecessor the atmosphere was, if anything, even worse. Andrew Jaspan quickly alienated many Observer old hands and was himself frustrated at his inability, thanks to a strong union, to get rid of those he did not rate.

"If anyone can pull people to-

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gether it is Roger," says one senior Guardian executive. "He is hugely popular because of his energy, and even if you did have reservations about his judgement, you still had to respect him."

After five years of changing editors and numerous increasingly radical redesigns, The Observer is likely to achieve some stability under Alton. "Roger's approach will be that doing a good newspaper is not rocket science," says John Mulholland, editor of Sporting Life and Alton's former media editor at The Guardian. "It will be about good stories well presented and executed."

Unlike some of his predecessors, he is unlikely to initiate a mass clearout of staff. Instead, those who know him are predicting a clear-out of ideas. His influence has already been felt. The story count in his first week's news pages this Sunday was much higher than it has been in recent months. Under Hutton and Targett, a blurring of news and features had made the paper look increasingly confused.

Alton's appointment marks the end of a period of what might be described as over-intellectualising broadsheet newspapers. Jocelyn Targett's proposal for The Observer



has been described as a Sunday newspaper inside a magazine. There was even a plan floated to put The Observer, a magazine with a newspaper inside it, in a bag rather like the bag used for the massive New York Times' Sunday edition. Wags at The Observer dismissed it as a "mag in a bag", and one said: "We might as well have started making hamburgers and giving a newspaper away with each one purchased."

Targett was said to be in tears when he left The Observer building last week, and it may be that his youth and personal style has unfairly attracted envious criticism. Nevertheless, one former colleague contrasts him with Alton thus: "What you see with Alton is what you get - frequently, a dodgy-looking denim jacket. On the other hand, Targett was mainly PR. If his ideas had ever matched his suits, there wouldn't have been such a problem."

Alton's great strength is spotting exactly what the big story is and persuading someone to execute it at short notice. "He is very demanding of people. You can argue with him at 12am that there is no time to do The Observer, have been warned.

something and he will come back at 4pm and make you do it anyway. By then there is even less time. So you will never get away with saying no," says one former colleague. "Although he hates confrontation, he manages to get his way because he is difficult to negotiate with."

The Observer's new editor spends a lot of time out meeting people, talking in pubs, going to the theatre, the cinema and even apparently - clubbing, "Unlike Alan Rusbridger [editor of The Guardian] he is not locked into the dinner-party circuit," says the Guardian executive. You wait ages for him in a pub, then he flies in for 25 minutes, sprays you with ideas, picks up stories, then flies out again.

"He crashes in two minutes before conference, shouts for some ideas, goes down to the meeting, then runs out and commissions pieces. He disappears for much of the middle of the day, supposedly to play squash or climb a wall. Then he's back at 4pm, changing everything and pissing off the subs."

The subs, and everyone else at

In the media, you have to make a good fist of it

WHEN DIARIST Nigel Dempster of The Daily Mail decided to take a swing at his departing deputy Adam Helliker last week he was carrying on a newspaper tradition that is probably as old as moveable type. William Caxton is bound to have laid out one of his juniors at some time, no doubt after a three-mead lunch.

There seems to be something about the combination of deadlines, drink and ambition which fuels newspapers that makes violence inevitable. As recently as last month Gerry Malone, The European's editor, had to make a grovelling apology to features editor Nicola Davidson after slapping her around the head.

The most spectacular attempt at newspaper violence was that perpetrated by two Mirror Group workers against Robert Maxwell in the early Eighties. Maxwell was in dispute with the print unions when two staff sneaked on to the helicopter pad at Mirror headquarters in High Holborn. They attached a line to the windsock and nailed the line down so that it was pointing in the opposite direction to the wind. Horrifled pedestrians in Holborn watched as Maxwell's helicopter made dangerous and erratic attempts to land with a pilot unable to tell why he was being buffeted from the wrong

Maxwell was also the cause of one of the most famous Fleet Street attacks. Days after the corrupt press baron fell overboard Alastair Campbell, now Downing Street spokesman but then The Mirror's political editor, was being baited by Michael White of The Guardian. White simply repeated the phrase "bob, bob. bob" until, to the delight of the assembled hacks, Campbell

Commons press lobby. Mirror headquarters had a habit of endangering not just journalists, but also the public. In the early Eighties two

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The newsroom is the scene of many a good brawl, thanks to drink, deadlines

By Paul McCann

and ambition.

Sunday People journalists, David Alford and Frank Thorne, had been winding each other up all week as they worked on a story. By Saturday they had had enough of each other and Alford threw a typewriter at Thorne. It missed Thorne and sailed through a window. Horrified People staff rushed to see how many had been killed on Fetter Lane below. Luckily the area is deserted on Saturday mornings.

A less lucky innocent victim was Martin Dunn. Dunn is now head of Associated Newspaper's television interests, but at the beginning of the Nineties as editor of *Today* he was summoned to Los Angeles by Rupert Murdoch to be told from now on he was to be the acceptable face of News International whenever a TV spokesman was needed.

Dunn stopped off at Costello's, the British hack hang-out in New York, on his way back from his meeting. While there a fight broke out between The Sun's man in New York and The Mirror's man. One punched the other, whose head snapped back into the face of Dunn, which spurted blood across the bar. The acceptable face of News International returned to the UK with stitches and a black eye.

Such are the tensions of the newsroom that violence can even be self-inflicted. Paul Dacre, the perfectionist editor of The Daily Mail was once so distraught with a piece of copy that he threw himself onto a desk theatrically.

Unfortunately an old-fashioned copy spike was sitting on the desk and he impaled himself through the chest.

But it is not just scent of ink and newsprint that sets off the journalistic tendency to violence. Scott Chisholm, a Sky News anchorman, hit the headlines when he hit his partner Chris Mann. The burly New Zealander was upset about something Mann had said in a magazine interview and the two had argued about it. Hours later a casual remark set Chisholm off and he flattened Mann. Both later left Sky's employ:

But in the annals of Fleet Street nothing quite compares to the last day of Today. When the mid-market tabloid was closed in November 1995 the staff put the paper to bed and retired to Henry's Cafe Bar in Wapping, Very quickly things got out of hand as champagne beer and spirits were downed in an unseemly rush.

Given that it was the last time many of the paper's staff would see each other it was a last chance to settle some scores. Voices were raised, a punch was thrown and quickly the Wild West came to Wapping. Chairs were thrown, beer bottles crunched under foot and about 20 drunk journalists and photographers were trying to punch each other - most of them missing.

While editor Richard Stott tried to calm things dow the police arrived and started pinning reporters, photographers and executives to the floor. Nine were arrested, mostly on charges of being drunk and disorderly, one for hitting a policeman. One journalist ended up in the Royal Free Hospital under sedation.

Today was to be the first newspaper of the computer revolution. But in its closing it stayed true to one of journalism's oldest truths: sometimes the fist is mightier than the pen.

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Regional radio depends on a relentless stream of interviewees. So is it really local? By Terry Thomas

That's an awful lot of head bobbage

I've just been interviewed as secretary of the local branch of Liberty - the National Council for Civil Liberties - on BBC Radio Leeds' morning programme. Nearby, two BBC staff are talking about a possible current affairs project involving a lot of studio interviews. One of them looks doubtful and says he thinks it will mean "an awful lot of head bobbage".

Head bobbage. A reference to the interviewer seeing only part of a head across the console of hanging microphones and other wonders of technology separating him or her from the studio guests.

I have just finished being part of the head bobbage. Local radio depends on people like us bobbing in to keep their talk radio going. Sometimes it's guests on the line from London but they prefer someone local if they can get them.

In the 12 months to the end of April we did around 20 interviews for Radio Leeds, plus a few for Radio Humberside, Radio Eire and Radio fence. Within days the Daily Mail York. The subjects included paedophiles in the community, ID cards, electronic tagging, DNA databases, CCTV surveillance, freedom of information, CS sprays for the police, curfews on young people and deaths

in police custody. The call can be for the breakfast or morning show or the drive-time evening show and is fitted around the news, the sport, the gardening advice and the phone-in-astrologer. On one side of you is the new device for opening champagne bottles without an explosion; on the other the national "B" celeb in town.

less interested in Liberty. We were on standby once when a local 13year-old was put on the sex offender register, but were dropped when the TV companies were forbidden to take any pictures of him. The same thing happened when the first man in West Yorkshire to be electronically tagged by the courts got cold feet. He had been scheduled to be the star of the piece.

So mostly we stick with radio, and they with us. Often the story has come down the line from a specialist journal by way of the Sunday broadsheets and then to local radio, where it ends up tucked away into someone's "show"

It can of course, go the other way. Say something local and it moves upwards to the nationals. We once had spin attached to our local statement that the police should not get involved with truancy because as such truancy is not a criminal ofwas screaming that we were en-couraging children not to go to school. We complained in vain to the Press Complaints Commission.

Once you have had the call, the procedure is roughly the same each time. A researcher outlines the subject and asks if you can help. You are then given a timescale of between 48 hours and 48 minutes, with an evident pride being taken in winging it within the tightest possible time

Despite the mammoth use of head bobbage, you still must question: how local is local radio?



Local radio relies on more than just the Partridgesque witterings of DJs

The presenters themselves all talk a bland Nineties-style BBC English with rarely a trace of a local accent. Unless it's a characterpresenter's accent - an accent so broad that you would hear it only at a dialect poetry reading at the Ilk-

ley Literature Festival. The interviewees also tend to the same middle-class, middle-England accents - hardly representative of the locality. Often they are the retired or those in jobs that allow them to sappear mid-morning for an inter-

view – a privilege few of us have. Solicitors and magistrates are

favourites for civil liberty issues. The

solicitors firm presumably benefits from publicity for such appearances - just as Liberty is able to show it is alive and kicking in the area.

University and college lecturers are another good source, especially if they can offer a vox-populi style of wisdom, or speak in sound bites. Some, I know, refuse to do this, seeing it as a watering-down of their work. Others are happy to pronounce on any subject. Psychologists and sociologists are often in demand.

Whether this all adds up to local radio being the modern equivalent of gossiping at the village pump is more questionable.

Will the supply of head bobbage ever dry up? It seems unlikely. People still fall over themselves to oblige the magic call from the BBC - or whoever - and local radio knows it can rely on this.

Even with no money on offer, the idea that someone wants to listen to you and is willing to put some wondrous technology at your disposal, is too powerful to resist. Like moths to a flame, the head bobbage will always be there.

The writer is secretary of the Leeds branch of Liberty, and is available for interview

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Remind everyone of just how successful Clinton has been. It would be useful to get other prominent leaders whom the American public respect talking about the president's successes; for example, get Tony Blair talking about Clinton's vital role in solving the Northern Ireland situation, Also, get some financial experts to say that the economy has never been stronger. The Americans love being number one. ■ Get Clinton to go on television. When you've got his charisma and personality, it's important that you play to your strengths. When it comes down to it, people believe what they want to believe - that's one of the first things you learn about public relations. Lots of stars I've represented have had all kinds of damaging rumours floating around about them, and my advice has always been: "Deny it." If people think there's a chance

it's not true, they would rather not believe it. The difficulty in PR is that you've got to be really sure of your ground. If you're not, you can't protect your clients. If, for example, I were aware that his secret servicemen had testified that they saw him having oral sex, then Clinton

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■ He keeps doing his job. This has always been his strategy. but he needs to show that he trusts in the judicial system. that he knows he is innocent, and that he will not be distracted from doing what the American people want. ■ He uses a third party - one of his press secretaries - to deflect the daily tension that springs up around this issue. He should never be drawn directly into the fray himself. ■ He at all times maintains his innocence

■ The Democratic Party initiates a grass-roots movement such as "Citizens Against Conspiracy" or "Americans Against Conspiracy". If Clinton is innocent, there must be a conspiracy against him. It would need to make a bold statement on TV with 60second commercials - low frequency, high impact, in prime time. Or full-page newspaper ads - black and white, long text, no pictures.

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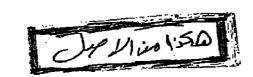
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NEW FILMS

DR DOLITTLE (PG) Director: Betty Thomas Starring: Eddie Murphy, Oliver Platt, Ossie Davis Sec The Independent Recommends, right CW: ABC Baker Street, ABC Tottenham Court Road, Clapham Picture House, Elephant & Castle Coronet, Hammersmith Virgin, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Plaza, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End

LOST IN SPACE (PG) **Director: Tom Waller**

Starring: William Hurt, Gary Oldman, Matt LeBlanc In 2058, environmental breakdown has conspired to place the planet in the cosmic coconut shy, but scientist Dr John Robinson (William Hurt) has formulated a nifty escape plan, proposing that mankind ups stumps to Alpha Prime. He and his that everything feels glib. family saddle up for the full 10-year trek there to pave the way. However, a stowaway terrorist (Gary Oldman) sabotages the expedition and sends the Robinsons off course.

Lost in Space is an expensive version of the eponymous cult 1960s television series, but I envy anyone who will get their first taste of the film-makers have remained faithful to the original tone. And the movie looks terrific. Every surface, from door panel to hull, is alluringly spongy; tabletops seem soft enough to sink your fingers into. Rubber, and rubber-effect, is very big: the plates of body armour look like they would protect you from sexually transmitted diseases but not much else; they are almost as alive as the people inside them, or, in the case of William Hurt, more so.

CW: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Elephant & Castle Coronet, Hammersmith Virgin, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Odeon West in anticipation of what they promise. End, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on Baker Street, UCI CW: Chelsea Cinema Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea

MONK DAWSON (18)

Director: Tom Waller

Starring: John Michie, Ben Taylor, Paula Hamilton You can just about discern the honourable intentions hiding within Monk Dawson. But far better to enjoy the film for the hotch-potch of melodrama and sensationalism that it is, rather than the searing social parable it longs to be.

Eddie is a Catholic priest who finds temptation close at hand in his parish. He succumbs, loses his faith, becomes a journalist, and takes to the party circuit. But despite people flinging themselves at him, poor Eddie never lets a smile disturb his lips - this hedonism bark is not for him.

The conflict of faith and fallibility has been the basis for pertinent character studies before, from I Confess to Lamb, but Monk Dawson's director, Tom Waller, and writer, James Magraine, let too many other ambitions clutter the film, so

CW: Odeon Haymarket, Virgin Fulham Road

Director: Alfred Hitchcock Starring: Anthony Perkins, Janet Leigh

Psycho this week, when it begins a revival in a new print. Imagine not being fluent in Hitchcock's language of tricks, betrayals and booby-traps. Imagine not knowing whether Janet Leigh will flee with the loot, or escape that menacing traffic cop, or whether it will matter. Imagine seeing the Bates Motel for the very first time. Even better, imagine hearing that name - "Norman Bates" - and it not meaning anything at all: not yet.

Of course, the wonder of Psycho is that you do not really have to imagine - it is all there for you each time you hear Bernard Herrmann's Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon jabbing stabbing strings and catch your breath

Ryan Gilbey

GENERAL RELEASE

BARNEY'S GREAT ADVENTURE (U)

Feature-length exploits for the dinosaur. Ideal for the more undemanding pre-school viewer, but an endurance test for anyone else. CW: UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelseo, Virgin Trocadero

THE CASTLE (15)

When his family home is threatened with demolition to make way for an airport, truck driver Darryl Kerrigan (Michael Caton) - with the help of his wife, kids, neighbours and mates decides to fight back and stand up for his rights. File under quirky Australian kitsch.

CW: Barbican Screen, Empire Leicester Square, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI Whiteleys. Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin

DANCE OF THE WIND (U)

Indian television star Kitu Gidwani plays Pallayi. a singer of Hindustani classical music who dries up on stage following the death of her mother. The delicate music and stately camerawork help build a hypnotic atmosphere but they can't stop it from feeling like a short film dragged out beyond its natural length. CW: Renoir

THE DAYTRIPPERS (15)

Worried that her publisher husband (Stanley Tucci) may be having an affair, Eliza (Hope Davis) confides in her parents, only to find that the family wants to accompany her to confront him. First-time writer-director Greg Mottola charts the tensions of the family car journey with wit and compassion. CW: Barbican Screen. Clapham Picture House, Curzon Maufair, Odeon Camden Town, Phoenix Cinema, Ritzy Cinema, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Haymarket

THE GINGERBREAD MAN (15)

The routine level of so much in The Gingerbread Man disappoints on every front. Odd fragments remind you that here we have a great director marking time. When Robert Duvall's buddies spring him from an asylum in a weird nocturnal dance of silver and purple, we glimpse the fugitive ghost of another, less formulaic sort of film. CW: ABC Shaftesbury Avenue, Notting Hill Coronet, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Warner Village West End

GODZILLA (PG)

The team which cooked up such blockbusters as Stargate and Independence Day is generally very adept at constructing enjoyable adventures with a B-movie taste for fun. Unfortunately in this tale of a giant lizard rampaging through the streets of New York, their light touch has deserted them. CW: ABC Baker Street, ABC Tottenham Court Road, Clapham Picture House, Elephant & Castle Coronet. Empire Leicester Square, Hammersmill Virgin, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage. Plaza. Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Fulham Road

LA GRANDE ILLUSION (U) Jean Renoir's 1937 classic has First World War prisoner of war Pierre Fresnay finding he has more in common with his courteous German captor, Erich von Stroheim, than with his proletarian comrades. This is the tenderest of war movies. CW: Screen on the Hill

QREASE (20TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION) (PG) Twentieth-anniversary reissue of the nostalgic musical. What fun there is to be had from a second viewing is mostly due to John Travolta's manic performance as the greased-up highschool heartbreaker. CW: Empire Leicester Square, Virgin Trocadero

Director-star Kitano picked up the Golden Lion at last year's Venice Film Festival with this violent yet elegiac portrait of a brutal Japanese policeman pushed over the edge by his traumatic personal life. CW: ABC Shaftesbury Avenue, Gate Notting Hill, Metro, Richmond Filmhouse, Ratey Cinema, Screen on the Green

KURT & COURTNEY (15) Documentary investigating the death of Documentary investigating the conspiracy someone else. CW: Odeon Mezzonine, Warner Nirvana's Kurt Cobain and the conspiracy Williams West End

CW: ABC Piccadilly, Rio Cinema, Screen on Baker Street

LIFE IS ALL YOU GET (DAS LEBEN IST EINE BAUSTELLE) (18)

An original black comedy about a young, possibly HIV-positive Berlin butcher stumbling through what passes for a love life. CW: ABC Swiss Centre, Curzon Minema

THE LITTLE MERMAID (U)

After years of churning out sub-standard animated features, this sprightly adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's story - rereleased for the summer holidays - began a string of hits for the newly rejuvenated Disney Studios. Pleasantly iazzy holiday fare. CW: Elephant & Castle Coronet, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Rio Cinema, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys. Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End

LOVE AND DEATH ON LONG ISLAND (15) A warm, subtle comedy starring John Hurt as a reclusive widower who becomes obsessed with a young film actor (Jason Priestley). CW: Metro,

MAD CITY (15)

Dustin Hoffman plays a reporter who chances upon a hostage situation in a museum, where John Travolta has produced a gun in an effort to get his job back. CW: Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End

THE MAGIC SWORD: QUEST FOR CAMELOT (U)

The first full-length product of Warners' new animation division, this Arthurian adventure looks and sounds even cheesier than the average Disney effort. But beneath the surface there's an edge of genuine weirdness that will keep most parents entertained. CW: Clapham Picture House, Hammersmith Virgin, Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village

THE OBJECT OF MY AFFECTION (15) Paul Rudd confounds his flatmate Jennifer Aniston's dreams of wedding vows by being gay. CW: Odeon Kensington, Odeon Mezzanine,

PAULIE (II)

Once the muse of indie legend John Cassavetes, Gena Rowlands is now starring with a talking parrot - well, that's showbusiness. Voiced by Jay Mohr (best known over here as Tom Cruise's backstabbing rival agent in Jerry Moguire), Paulie is a wisecracking bird who takes a wry look at human foibles in this likeable kids' movie. CW: Plaza, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End

SIX DAYS, SEVEN NIGHTS (12)

Action man Harrison Ford here tries to reinvent himself as a romantic lead by playing a boozy pilot who crash-lands with a New York magazine editor (Anne Heche) on a remote island. The director, Ivan Reitman, has adopted an oldfashioned approach which stretches to implausible contrivances. CW: Hammersmith Virgin, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch. Odeon Mezzanine, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea. Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End

THE THIEF (15)

In his investigation into the psyche of a six-yearold Russian boy in the aftermath of the Second World War, writer-director Pavel Chukhrai tries for the unforced poetry pioneered by Louis Malle. Unfortunately, he doesn't quite pull it off. The Thief is a familiar story, told with competence, but it is only the acting, performed with great passion, which makes this film special. CW: Renoir

THE WEDDING SINGER (12)

A shamelessly dumb but very winning comedy which makes the most of its Eighties pastiches. A hopelessly romantic wedding singer (Saturday Night Live's Adam Sandler) who falls in love with a waitress (Drew Barrymore), only to discover that she is already engaged to

THE INDEPENDENT RECOMMENDS



Film Ryan Gilbey

THE FRAGILE comedies of Finnish film-maker Aki Kaurismaki are an acquired taste. Leningrad Cowbovs Go America is a prime example: you know within the first 10 minutes whether this story of a hopeless, generously quiffed pop group leaving Finland to pursue dreams of success in the USA will tickle or torment you. There's something sad and wistful about whatever Kaurismaki does, which is probably what rescues his films from inconsequentiality. However,

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by the time the Cowboys' interminable concert film Total Balalaika Show was released in 1994, that particular joke wasn't funny anymore. Birmingham Electric Cinema (0121-643 7277) today and Thur, 6.55pm Dr Dolittle isn't as bad as it sounds (what could be?). Even in his new, moderately restrained persona as consummate family entertainer, Eddie Murphy (above) still has an appealing presence, though the real stars of the film are the voices, including the lugubrious Albert Brooks as a manic depressive tiger. On general release

Theatre Dominic Cavendish

ALTHOUGH WRITTEN more than 90 years ago, Major Barbara addresses two subjects which have yet to become obsolete - poverty and the arms trade - and Peter Hall's accomplished production shows Bernard



Shaw at his most alarmingly prescient. A polemical line of battle is drawn between the cynical cannon-maker, Andrew Undershaft (Peter Bowles), and his daughter, Barbara, an idealistic major in the Salvation Army, played by Jemma Redgrave (left). It's the dynamite script that keeps you watching more than anything, but the cast handle the complexities of the moral debate with the sensitivity of explosives experts. Piccadilly Theatre, London W1 (0171-369 1734) 7.45pm

DESPITE copious quantities of still photographs and sound recordings of Dylan Thomas (right), there are no known moving pictures of the Welsh

poet anywhere in the world. What do still exist, however, are the rare documentaries Thomas scripted for Strand Films in the 1940s, screened tonight as part of Swansea's Dvian Thomas festival. Most substantial is Our Country, a 45-minute film on post-war regeneration as observed by a sailor on leave; the strangest, the brief Balloon Site 568. Wales: Green Mountain, Black Mountain takes Auden's "Night Mail" rhythm down the mines, while These Are the Men (1943) cannibalises Leni Riefenstahl's Nuremberg footage to present Hitler, Goebbels and Goering reciting a list of their own character defects. Dulan Thomas Centre, Somerset Place, Swansea (01792 463892) 7.30om

Literature Judith Palmer



Comedy James Rampton

JOHN MOLONEY is one of the most experienced and reliable performers on the circuit. He's a master of self-deprecation; you have to warm to someone who comes on and says, "Good evening, I'm John Moloney. I'm a fat bloke who looks like Victoria Wood." Tonight he forms part of the Cutting Edge team, with Martin Coyote, Lee Hurst (below), Phil Davey, Steve Gribben, and Matt Welcome.

Comedy Store, London SW1 (0171-344 4414) 8pm Mel Hudson and Vicki Pepperdine, veterans of Knowing Me. Knowing You... with Alan Partridge, present Beaver Pitch. In this show, they'll be showcasing such deathless characters as "The Excessively Compliant Women" and "The Girls Who Pretend to Like Football". Battersea Aris Centre, London SW11 (0171-223 2223) 7pm



CINEMA

ABC BAKER STREET (0171-935 9772) ← Baker Street Dr Delittle 2.20pm, 4.30pm, 6.35pm, 8.45pm Godzilla 2.10pm, 5.10pm,

ABC PANTON STREET (0171-930 0631) ← Piccadilly Circus As Good As it Gets 2pm, 5pm, 8pm The Big Lebowski 1.15pm, 3.40pm, 6.05pm, 8.30pm Jackie Brown 1.30pm, 4.40pm, 7.45pm Live Flesh 1.40pm, 4pm,

ABC PICCADILLY (0171-437 3561) ← Piccadilly Circus Kurt & Courtney 1.25pm, 3.40pm, 6.10pm, 8.40pm Lolita 2.05pm, 5.05pm, 8pm

ABC SHAFTESBURY

AYENUE (0171-836 6279) & Leicester Square/Tottenham Court Road The Gingerbread Man 1.15pm, 3.40pm, 6.25pm, 8.50pm

ABC SWISS CENTRE (0171-439 4470) → Leicester Square/Piccadilly Circus Deconstructing Harry 1.10pm, 3.20pm, 6.10pm. 8.40pm Kiss Or Kill 3.50pm Life Is All You Get 6.10pm, 8.40pm Shall We Dance? 3.35pm, 8.30pm Sling Blade 1.15pm, 5.50pm, 8.30pm The Taste Of Cherry 1,10pm, 6,10pm

ABC TOTTENHAM COURT

ROAD (0171-636 6148) Tottenham Court load Dr Dolittle 1pm, 3.05pm, 5.15pm, 7.25pm, 9.40pm Godzilla 12.20pm, 3.10pm, 6pm, 8.55pm Last in Space 12.45pm, 3.40pm, 6.30pm, 9.20pm

RARBICAN SCREEN (0171-382 7000) ➡ Moorgate/Barbican
The Castle 6.15pm, 8.40pm The Daytrippers 6.15pm, 8.40pm

CHELSEA CINEMA (D171-351 3742) - Sloane Square Psycho 1.40pm, 4pm, 6.20pm, 8.45pm

CLAPHAM PICTURE

(0171-498 2242) ← Clapham Common The Daytrippers 6.45pm, 9pm Dr Dolittle 12.45pm, 2.45pm, 4.45pm, 7.15pm, 9.15pm **Godzilla** 12noon, 3.45pm, 6.30pm, 9.15pm The Magic Sword: Quest For Camelot 12.30pm, 2.30pm, 4.30pm

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(0171-486 0036) ← Baker Street Kurt & Courtney 2.40pm, 4.45pm, 6.50pm, 8.55pm Lost in Space 3.10pm, 5.50pm.

SCREEN ON THE GREEN (0171-226 3520) ◆ Angel/Highbury & Islington Hana-Bi 3.30pm, 6.30pm,

SCREEN ON THE HILL (0171-435 3366) → Belsize Park La Grande Illusion 3pm, 6.25pm, 8.45pm **UÇI WHITELEYŞ**

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BARKING

ODEON (0181-507 8444) Barking Anastasia 11.10am Barney's Great Adventure 12.25pm, 2.05pm The Castle 5.05pm, 7.05pm, 9.05pm Dr Dollittle 1.10pm, 3.10pm, 5.10pm, 7.10pm, 9.10pm Flubber 11.20am Godzilla

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CATFORD ABC (0181-698 3306) BR: Catiord. Dr Dolittle 1.30pm, 4pm, 6.30pm, 8.45pm Godzilla 2.10pm, 5.10pm, 8.10pm The Little Mermaid 12.10pm

7.05pm, 9.30pm

CROYDON CLOCKTOWER (0181-253 1030) BR: Croydon West The Object Of My Alfection 8.30pm Paus 2pm Sliding Doors 6.15pm The Wedding Singer 4pm FAIRFIELD HALLS (0181-688 9291) BR: East Croydon The Little

Mermaid 10am, 2pm SAFARI (0181-688 3422) BR: West Croydon. Or Dollattle 12.10pm, 2pm, 4pm, 6pm, 7.55pm Godzīlia 12.15pm, 3pm, 5.30pm, 8pm Lost in Space 12noon, 2.30pm, 5pm, 8.05pm

WARNER VILLAGE (0181-680 8090) BR: East Croydon Barney's Great ture 10.25am, 12.20pm, 2.10pm, 4pm City Of Angels 9.50pm Dr Dolit-tie 10.20am, 12.30pm, 2.40pm, 4.50pm, 7pm, 9.10pm The Gingerbread Man 10pm Godzilla 11am, 2pm, 3.10pm, 5.20pm, 6.15pm, 8.20pm, 9.40pm Grease (20th Anniversary Edition) 6.45pm The Little Mermald 11.20am, 1.20pm, 3.20pm, 5.30pm Lost In Space 11.50am, 12.40pm, 2.50pm, 3.30pm. 5.50pm, 6.30pm, 8.50pm, 9.30pm The Magic Sword: Osest For Camelot 10.10am, 12.10pm, 2.20pm, 4.30pm Paulie 11.10am, 1.10pm Six Days, Seven Nights 6pm, 8.30pm Star Kid 10.30am The Wedding Singer 7.30pm

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GOLDERS GREEN Green Grease (20th Appriversary **Edition)** 2.15pm, 5.20pm, 8.25pm

GREENWICH CINEMA (0181-293 0101) BR. Greenwich Barney's Great Adventure 12noon, 3.35pm Dr Dolittle 12.15pm, 2.30pm, 4.50pm, 7pm, 9.10pm The Gingerbread Man 9.25pm Godzilla 12.35pm, 3.20pm, 6.05pm, 8.50pm The Little Mermald 1.40pm, 5.15pm Six Days, Seven Rights 7.15pm

HAMPSTEAD

ABC (0870-9020413) → Belsize Park Barney's Great Adventure 12,35pm Dr Dolittle 1.30pm, 4.15pm, 6.30pm, 8.45pm Godzilia 2.15pm, 5.10pm, 8.05pm The Little Mermaid 12.40pm Lost in Space 2.30pm, 5.25pm, 8.10pm

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HARROW SAFARI CINEMA (0181-426 0303) Harrow-on-the-Hill/Harrow & Wealdstone Duplicate 8.45pm Ghulam 1.30pm 5pm 8.45pm **Major Saab** 1.30om, 5am

WARNER VILLAGE (0181-427 9009) O Harrow on the Hill Barney's Great Adventure 9 50pm, 11.50am. 1.40pm, 3.25pm, 5.15pm City Of Angels 6.50pm Dr Dolittle 9.30am, 10am, 11.40am, 12.10pm, 1.50pm. 2.25pm, 4pm, 4.30pm, 6.10pm, 6.40pm, 8.20pm, 9pm, 10.20pm The Gingerbread Man 9,40pm Godzilla 11.15am, 2.15pm, 2.55pm, 5.25pm, 6.05pm. 8 30pm, 9.10pm Grease (20th Anniversary Edition) 9 05pm The Little Mermaid 10.50am, 12.50pm, 2.50pm, 4 50pm Lost in Space 9.40am, 12,20pm, 12,40pm, 3,05pm, 3,35pm 5.55pm, 6.30pm, 8.50pm, 9.20pm **The** Magic Sword: Quest For Camelot 11am, Ipm, 3pm, 5.05pm Paulie 10.20am, 12.30pm Six Days, Seven Nights 7,10pm, 9,30pm Star Kid 10,30am The Wedding Singer 7pm

HOLLOWAY

ODEON (0181-315 4213) → Holloway Road/Archway Barney's Great Adventure 12.15pm Dr Dolittle 12 20pm, 12.50pm, 2.35pm, 3.05pm. 4.40pm, 5.10pm, 6.45pm, 7.15pm, 8 50pm 9 20pm The Gingerbread Man 6.30pm Godzilla 2 15pm, 5.25pm, 8.25cm The Little Mermaid 1.10pm, 3pm, 4.50pm Lost in Space 11.35am, 12.20pm, 2.25pm, 5.15pm, 8.05pm. 8.35pm The Magic Sword: Quest For Camelot 12 15pm Sliding Doors **ILFORD**

ODEON (0181-315 4223) Gants Hill Barney's Great Adventure 12.20pm, 2.20pm, 3.50pm The Castle 4.30pm, 6.40pm, 8.55pm **Dr Dolittle** 11.40am, 1.50pm, 4.20pm, 6.30pm, 6 50pm **Godzilla** 1 50pm, 5pm, 8pm **The** Little Mermaid 12noon Lost in Space 11.30am, 2.20pm, 5.10pm, 8.10pm

12.40pm, 2.35pm Six Days, Seven Nights 6pm, 8.40pm MUSWELL HILL ODEON (0181-315 4217) ← Highgate Dr Dolittie 12.25pm, 2.30pm, 4.40pm, 6.50pm, 9pm Godzilla 2pm, 5.10pm,

8.10pm The Little Mermaid 12noon

Lost in Space 1.30pm, 5.20pm, 8.20pm

The Magic Sword: Quest For Camelot

PECKHAM PREMIER (0181-235 3006) BR: Peckham Rye Barney's Great Adv ture 11.45am. 2.55pm Or Dolittle 12.20pm, 12.50pm, 2.30pm, 3pm, 4.40pm, 5.10pm, 6.50pm, 7.20pm. 9pm. 9.30pm Godzilla 12.35pm. 3.20pm, 6.05pm, 8.50pm Grease (20th Anniversary Edition) 1.35pm, 5.25pm Guru in Seven 6.40pm, 9.20pm The Little Mermaid 1.15pm, 4.25pm The Magic Sword: Quest For Camelot 12.45pm, 2.50pm, 4.45pm Paulie 11.50am. 3.40pm Six Days, Seven Nights 7.30pm. 9.40pm Soul Food 9 35pm Titanic 6.05pm

ABC (0870-9020407) BR Purley Barney's Great Adventure 12.20pm Dr Dolittle 12.15pm, 2.15pm, 4.15pm, 6.15pm, 8.45pm Godzilla 2.10pm, 5 05pm, 8.05pm The Little Mermaid 12.05pm Lost in Space 1.45pm, 4.45pm, 7.45pm

RICHMOND ODEON (0181-315 4218) BR/ O Richmond Dr Dolittle 12.40pm, 2.50pm, 5pm, 7.10pm, 9.40pm Godzilla 2.15nm. 5.40nm. 8.40nm Lost In Space 12.10pm, 3.10pm, 6.10pm,

ODEON STUDIO (0181-315 4218) BR/→ Richmond Barney's Great Adventure 1pm. 2.50pm, 4.40pm The Castle 5pm, 7.20pm, 9.40pm City Of Angels 6.30pm, 9pm The Gingerbread Man 6.20pm, 9.10pm The Little Mermaid 12.40pm, 2.30pm. 4 30pm **Lost in Space** 2pm. 5.40pm. 8.30pm The Magic Sword: Quest For Camelot 1pm, 3pm

ABC (0870-9020419) 8R. Romford. Barney's Great Adventure 12.30pm Dr Dolittle 12.20pm, 2.25pm, 4.30pm, 6.35pm, 8.40pm Godzilla 2.05pm 5.05pm, 8.05pm The Little Mermaid 12.10pm Lost In Space 2pm, 4 55pm, 8,10pm

ODEON LIBERTY 2 (01708-729040) RR: Romland Anastasia 10 20am Barney's Great Adventure 12 20pm, 2.20pm, 4 30pm The Castle 4 45pm, 7pm, 9pm **Dr Dolittle** 11.30am, 12 30pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4.15pm, 5.15pm. 6.30pm, 7.15pm, 8.30pm, 9.10pm George Of The Jungle 10.20am Godzilla 2.10pm, 5.15pm, 8.20pm Grease (20th Anniversary Edition) 3,45pm, 6,20pm, 8,45pm The Little Mermaid 12noon Lost In Space 11.10am | 1.30pm, 2.30pm, 4.30pm, 5 30pm, 7.30pm, 8.30pm The Magic Sword: Quest For Camelot 1pm, .45om MouseHunt 10.20am Paulie 11.50am, 1.45pm Paws 10am The

STAPLES CORNER (0870-9070717) BR. VIRGIN Cricklewood Barney's Great Adventure 1pm. 2.45pm The Castle 4 45pm, l Spm, 9 30pm **Dr Dolittle** 1pm, 3pm, 5.10pm, 7 15pm, 9 30pm Godziłła 12noon, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm Grease (20th Anniversary Edition) 4.30pm. 7pm. 9.30cm Lost in Space 12noon, 2.50cm. 5 30pm, 8 45pm The Magic Sword: Quest For Camelol 12,30pm, 2,30pm, 4.30pm Paulie 12.30pm, 2.45pm The Wedding Singer 6.30pm. 9pm

STREATHAM ABC (0870-9020415) BR Streatharn Hill The Castle 4pm, 6 10pm, 8.35pm Dr 6.25pm, 9pm Grease (20th Anniversary Edition) 12.30pm, 3pm, 5 35pm, 8.20pm Paulie 11.55am, 1.55pm

ODEON (0181-315 4219) BR Streatharn Hill/ Brixton/Clapharn Common Barney's Great Adventure 2.45pm, 2.30pm, 4.15pm **Dr Dolittle** 12 50pm, 2.50pm, 4.50pm, 5.50pm, 8.50pm The Gingerbread Man 8.30pm Sodzilla 3pm, 6pm, 9pm The Little Mermaid 1pm Lost in Space 12.10pm. 3 10pm, 6.10pm, 9.10pm The Magic Sword: Quest For Camelot 12.20pm, 2.20pm, 4.30pm Soul Food 6pm, 8.40pm The Wedding Singer 6.10pm

NEW STRATFORD PICTURE HOUSE (555 3366) BR/ Strattord East **Dr Dolitte** 12noon. 1.55pm, 3.50pm, 7.45pm, ^c.45pm **The** Gingerbread Man 6.45cm 9.30cm Godzilla 2.30pm, 6pm 8.50pm

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SUTTON UC1 6 (0990-888990) BR: Sutton/ O Morden Barney's Great Adventure 12.15pm, 2.15pm, 4.30pm Dr Dolittle 11.30am, 1.30pm, 3.30pm, 5.30pm, 7.30pm, 9.30pm Godzilla 11,45am 2 45pm, 5.45pm, 8.45pm **Grease (20th** Amiversary Edition) 4.45pm, 7.15pm The Little Mermaid 12.30pm, 2.30pm Lost in Space 1240on, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm

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4.40pm, 8.15pm UXBRIDGE ODEON (01895-813139) ← Uxbridge Dr Dolittle 11.35am, 1.45pm, 4pm, 6 15pm 9.15pm Lost In Space 11.05am, 12.20pm, 5.20pm, 8.25pm

WALTHAMSTOW ABC (0870-9020424) ← Walthamstow Central Barney's Great Adventure 12.35pm Dr Dolittle 12.45pm, 2.45pm, 4.45pm, 6.45pm, 8.45pm **Godzilla** 2 10om, 5.05om, 8om The Little Marmaid 12 35pm Lost in Space 2.15pm.

WALTON ON THAMES THE SCREEN AT WALTON (01932-252825) BR. Walton on Thames Barney's Great Adventure 3.20pm Dr Dolittle 2.45pm, 4.45pm, 6.55pm, 9pm Godzilla 5.10pm. 8.05pm

WELL HALL CORONET (0181-850 3351) BR. Eltham Godzilla 2.35pm, 5.15pm, 8.05cm The Little Mermaid 1cm Lost In Space 1.45pm, 4.40pm, 8.15pm

WIMBLEDON ODEON (0181-315 4222) BR/ → Wimbledon/ → South Wimbledon Barney's Great Adventure 11.45am, 1 20pm, 2.55pm, 4.30pm **Dr Dolittle** 12.15pm, 2.25pm, 4.35pm, 6.45pm, 8.55pm The Gingerbread Man 6pm, 8.30pm Godzilla 2.10pm, 5.10pm, 8.10pm The Little Mermaid 10.45am, 12.25pm Lost In Space 11.15am, 2.15pm, 5.15pm, 8.15pm The Magic Sword: Quest For Camelot 11.35am, 1.15pm, 3pm Six Days, Seven Nights

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WOOLWICH CORONET (0181-854 5043) BR: Woolwich Arsenal **Dr Dolittle** 1.30pm, 3.40pm, 6pm, 8.35pm **Godzilia** 2.35pm 5.15pm, 8.05pm The Magic Sword: Quest For Cameiot 1pm

CINEMA

LONDON ICA The Mail SW1 (0171-930 3647/cc 930 3647) Rome Open City (NC) 6.30pm, 8.30pm The Harry Smith Re-creation: Avant-Garde Ani Live Event (NC) 3pm, 8pm New tion: New Shorts For Harry (NC) 5pm Boiling Point [JAPAN FILM] (18) 7pm, 9pm

NFT South Bank SE1 (0171-633 0274/cc 0171-928 3232) The Spice Of Life-A Brief History Of Variety: First Tuesday Lecture (NC) 1pm Fred, Great And Friends; Junior NFT (NC) 2pm The Insect Woman: Shohe lmamura (NC) 6pm Joris Ivens Programme 1: Joris Ivens (NC) 6.15pm Comedy: Television (NC) 7.30pm Intentions Of Murder: Shohei Imamura (NC) 8.20pm Delicatessen

PEPSI IMAX The Trocadero Piccadilly Circus W1 (0171-494 4153) Across The Sea Of Time - A New York Adventure (3-D) (U) 11am, 1.05pm. 5.20pm, 9.35pm L5 - City in Space (U) 12.10pm, 2.15pm, 4.25pm, 8.25pm, 10.45pm Everest (U) 3.20pm. 7.20pm

PRINCE CHARLES Leicester Place WC2 (0171-437 8181) My Son The Fanatic (15) 1pm L'Appartement (15) 3 30pm Good Will Hunting (15) 6pm Gattaca (15) 9pm

RIVERSIDE STUDIOS Crisp Road W6 (0181-237 1111/cc 420 0100) La Grande Illusion (U) 6.30pm, 8.50pm WATERMANS ARTS CENTRE High Street, Brentlord, Midds (0181-568 1176) Guru in Seven (18) 4.45pm The Magic Sword: Quest For Camelot (U)

1pm, 3pm Sling Blade (15) 8 45pm Grease (20th Anniversary Edition BRIGHTON DUKE OF YORK'S (01273-626261) Ponette (15) 9pm Regeneration (15)

4.45mm The Taste Of Cherry (PG) 7pm The Winos Of The Dove (15) 2pm BRISTOL

WATERSHED (0117-925 3845) The Gingerbread Man (15) 6 05pm. 8 25pm Sling Blade (15) 8.15pm

CAMBRIDGE ARTS CINEMA (01223-504444) Blood Of A Poet (PG) 7 30pm Hana-BI (18) 9.10pm Tales Of The Taira Class (aka The Taira Clan Saga) (NC) 2pm The Thief (15) 12pm, 4,30pm

CARDIFF CHAPTER ARTS CENTRE (01222-399666) Afterglow (15) 8pm Out Of The Past (PG) 7 30pm

NEWGUAY STELLA SCREEN TOUR: NEWQUAY (0870-5770075) The Full Monty (15) film commences at sundown

NORWICH CINEMA CITY (01603-622047) Anastasia (U) 2.30pm Gummo (18) 8.15om Junk Mail (Budbringeren) (15) 5.45pm

PLYMOUTH ARTS CENTRE (01752-206114) Stiding Doors (15) 8pm

THEATRE WEST END

Ticket availability details are for today: times and prices for the week; running times include intervals. - Seats at all prices D — Seats at some prices () — Returns only Matinees — [1]: Sun, [3]: Tue. [4]: Wed. [5]: Thu, [6]: Fn. [7]: Sat

DART Stacy Keach, David Dukes, George Wendt in Yasmina Reza's comedy about art and friendship Wvndham's Charing Cross Road, WC2 Paulie 11 15am Six Days, Seven (0171-369 1736/cc 867 1111) Leic Sq. Tue-Sat 8pm, [4] 3pm, [7] [1] 5pm, £9.50-£27.50. 90 mins.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST Lavish lamily musical based on Disney's carloon version of the favourite fairy tale. Dominion Tottenham Court Road, W1 (0171-656 1888) + Tatt Ct Rd. Mon Wed. Fri & Sat 7.30pm, [4], [5][7] 2.30pm, £18.50-£35, 150 mins.

BLOOD BROTHERS Willy Russell's long-running Liverpool musical melodrama. Phoenix Charino Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1733) ◆ Leic Sq/Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7 45pm, [5] 3pm. [7] 4pm. £10.50-£29 50. 165 mins.

BUDDY Musical biog-show trac-

ing the brief life of Buddy Holly **Strand** Aldwych, WC2 (0171-930 8800) ⇔ Covent Garden/Charing X. Tue-Thu 8pm, Fri 5.30pm & 8.30pm, Sat 5pm & 8.30pm, mats [1] 4pm, £6.75-£30. D CATS Lloyd Webber's musical version of TS Eliot's poems. New London Parker Street, WC2 (0171-405 0072/cc 404 4079) & Covent Gar-

den/Holborn. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [3][7] 3pm, booking to Dec 19, £12.50-£32.50.

O CHICAGO Ruthie Henshall stars in this hit Broadway musical. **Adelphi M**aiden Lane, WC2 (0171-344 0055) ← Charing X. Mon-Sat 8pm, [4][7] 2 30pm, £16-£36 (incl booking fee). 130 mins.

• CLOSER Superb study of contemporary sexual relationships from Dealer's Choice author Patrick Marber. Lyric Shaltesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045) Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 3pm, £7.50-£27.50. 140 mins.

THE COMPLETE HISTORY OF AMERICA (ABRIDGED) Reduced Strakespeare Company's keenly-paced theatrical history lesson. Criterion Piccadilly Curcus, W1 (0171-369 1747) Picc Circ. Tue 8pm, £9.50-£20. 120 mins. DR DOLITTLE Phillip Schofield

talks to the animals in this new stage adaptation leaturing Jim Henson Puppels. Labatt's Apollo Hammersmith Queen Caroline Street, W6 (0171-416 6022) → Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 2.30pm, £10-£32.50. 150 mins **DIGREASE** Marissa Dunlop stars in

the stage version of the hit film about growing up in a 1950s American high school. Cambridge Eartham Street, WC2 (0171-7.30pm, [4][7] 3pm, £10-£30. 150 > THE HONEST WHORE Mid-

dieton and Dekker's collaborative melodrama. The Globe New Globe Walk, SE1 (0171-401 9919) ← London Bridge. In rep. tonight 7.30pm, ends 18 Sep. £5-£20, concs available. HOW I LEARNED TO **DRIVE** Paula Vogel's drama about the

incestuous relationship between a teenagec and her uncle Donmar Warehouse Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732) Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 8pm, [5] [7] 4pm, ends 8 Aug, £12-£16, concs avai AN IDEAL HUSBAND Christopher Cazenove and Kate O'Mara

in Peter Hall's acclaimed production of Wilde's comedy. Albery St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730/cc 867 1111) Leic Str. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [5] 3pm, [7] 4pm, ends 22 Aug, £7.50-£29.50, 165 mins. AN INSPECTOR CALLS

Stephen Daldry's widely-acclaimed production of JB Priestley's thriller. Garrick Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085) & Leic Sq. Mon-Fri .45pm, Sat 8.15pm, [4] 2.30pm, [7] 5pm, £10.50-£25, 110 mins. ● THE JUNGLE BOOK Stage

daptation of Kipling's classic childrer book. Open Air Regent's Park, NW1 (0171-486 2431/cc 486 1933) Baker Street. Today 2.30pm, ends 22 A LETTER OF RESIGNA-

TION Hugh Whitemore's play about the Profumo affair and political morality. Savoy Strand, WC2 (0171-836 8888/cc 836 (0479) ← Charing X/Embankment. Mon-Sal 7.45pm, [4] 3pm, [7] 4pm, £12.50-£25. 135 mins. • MAJOR BARBARA

iemma Redgrave and Peter Bowles slar in George Bernard Shaw's classic comedy. Piccacilly Denman Street, W1 (0171-369 1734) O Picc Circ. In rep. tanight 7.45pm. continuing, £8.50-£27.50. 180 mins.

D LES MISERABLES Musical dramatisation of Victor Hugo's nasterpiece. Palace Shattesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-434 0909) ← Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [5] [7] 2.30pm, £7-£32.50.

MISS SAIGON Musical which resets the Madam Butterfly tragedy to Vielnam Theatre Royal, Drury Lane Catherine Street. WC2 (0171-494 5060) Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [4][7] 3pm, £5.75-£32.50, 165 mins.

) THE MOUSETRAP Anality Christie's whodunnit. St Martin's West Street, WC2 (0171-836 1443) ← Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 8pm, [3] 2.45pm, [7] 5pm, £9-£23. 135 mins.

THE OLD NEIGHBOR-**HOOD** David Marnet's new play is directed by Patrick Marber, Royal Court (at the Duke Of York's) St Martin's Lane. WC2 (0171-565 5000) ← Leic Sq/Charing X. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [7] 3.30pm, £5-£19.50, benches 10p, Mon - all seats £5.

O THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA Andrew Lloyd Webber's Gothic musical. Her Majesty's Havmarket, SW1 (0171-494 5400/cc 344 4444) ← Picc Circ. Mon-Sal 7.45pm, [4][7] 3pm, £10-£32.50. 150 mins.

● POPCORN Lawrence Boswell directs Ben Elton's satire on cinema violence. Apollo Shaftesbury Avenue. W1 (0171-494 5070) 👄 Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 8pm, [4] 3pm, [7] 4pm, £6.50-£23.50.

• THE REAL INSPECTOR **HOUND & BLACK COMEDY** Double bill of drama from Tom Stoppard and Peter Schaffer. Comedy Panion Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731) & Picc Circ Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 3pm, £7.50-£27.50, 165 mins.

PRENT Musical inspired by La Boheme and set in modern day New York. Shaftesbury Shaftesbury Avenue. WC2 (0171-379 5399) ↔ Holbom/Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7 30pm, [4][7] 3pm, £12.50-£32.50. 160 mins **ROYAL NATIONAL THEATRE**

O OLIVIER: Oklahoma! Classic musical from Rodgers and Hammerstein featuring the song Oh What A Beautiful Mornin'. Mon-Sat 7,15pm, mats Wed & Sat 2pm, ends 3 Oct.

LYTTELTON: The Prime Of Miss Jean Brodie Fiona Shaw stars in this new adaptation of the classic novel by Muriel Spark. In rep. tonight 7.30pm, 3 Oct.

O COTTESLOE: Our Lady Of Stigo Out Of Joint's latest production stars Sinead Cusack, Last perf, tonight, 7.30pm. 150 mins. Olivier & Lyttelton: £8-527. Oklahoma!: £12-£32,50, Coffesioe, £12-£18. Day seats from 10am. South Bank, SE1 (0171-452 3000).

OSATURDAY NIGHT FEVER Hit 1970s musical featuring legendary songs by the Bee Gees and starring Adam Garcia. London Palladium Argyll Street, W1 (0171-494 5020) ⊕ Oxford Circ. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 2.30pm, £10-£32.50. 135 mins.

■ SHAKESPEARE'S VILLAINS Sieven Berkoft's look at evil in Shakespeare. Theatre Royal, Haymarket Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800) → Picc Circ, Tue-Sat 8.15pm, [7] 5pm, ends 9 Aug. £8-£17.50, concs

SHOW BOAT Jerome Kem and Oscar Hammerstein's musical set on the Mississippi. Prince Edward Old Compton Street, W1 (0171-447 5400) ← Leic Sq/Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [5][7] 2.30pm, £10-£35. 180 mins.

• SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE -THE SONGS OF LEIBER AND STOLLER The rock'n'roll hit-makers celebrated in a musical revue that includes Jailhouse Rock. Prince of Wales Coventry Skeet, W1 (0171-839) 5972) ← Leic Sq. Mon-Thy 8pm, Fri 5.45pm & 8.30pm, Sat 3pm & 8pm, £15-£32.50, Fri mats £10-£25, 135 mins.

STARLIGHT EXPRESS An-Mon-Sat 8.15pm, mats Thu 2.15pm, ends drew Lloyd Webber's hi-lech roller-musical. Apollo Victoria Wifton Road, SW1 (0171-416 6070) BR/→ Victoria. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [3] [7] 3pm, £12.50-SWEET CHARITY Bonnie

Langlord stars in this classic musical. featuring the numbers Hey Big Spender and the Rhythm Of Life. Victoria Palace Victoria Street, SW1 (0171-834 1317) BR/← Victoria. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 3pm, £15-£30, 160 mins.) THINGS WE DO FOR LOVE

Jane Asher stars in Alan Ayckbourn's comedy. Gielgud Shaftes-bury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065) ← Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5][7] 3pm, £10.50-£27.50, 140 mins. TROILUS AND CRESSI-

DA Shakespeare's classic tale of love and chivalry set during the Seige Of Troy. 311(SP201), NWY1 (U1/1-4866 Tonight 8pm, ends 3 Sep. £8-£20. ● THE UNEXPECTED MAN

Yasmina Reza's follow-up to Art is a drama about a novelist and a life-long admirer. Michael Gambon and Eileen Alkins star. Duchess Calherine Street, WC2 (0171-494 5075/cc 344 4444) O Covent Garden, Mon-Sat 8pm, [4] 4pm, [7] 5pm, booking to 22 Aug, £10-£25, 100 mins. WHAT YOU GET AND

WHAT YOU EXPECT Acerbic look at a generation bent on success from Jean-Marie Besset. Lyric Hammersmith King Street, W6 (0181-7.30pm, [7] 2.30pm, ends 8 Aug. £10-£14, concs available. **WHISTLE DOWN THE**

WIND Lloyd Webber's new musical based on the film of the same name. Aldwych Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6000/cc 836 2428) ← Holborn. Mon-7.30pm, [5][7] 3pm, £10-£32.50. • THE WOMAN IN BLACK

Susan Hill's chilling ghost story. Fortune Russell Street, WC2 (0171-836 2238/cc 344 4444) Covent Garden/Holborn. Mon-Sal 8pm, [3] 3pm, [7] 4pm, £8.50-

THEATRE BEYOND THE WEST END

HAMPSTEAD THEATRE After Darwin Timberlake Wertenbaker's dramatisation of the clash between believers in natural selection and believers in religious humanism stars Colin Salmon. Mon-Sal 8om, mats Sat 3.30om, ends 22 Aug. £8-£15. Avertue Road, NW3 (0171-

LYRIC STUDIO Happy Savages Ryan Craig's new drama looks at the exual habits of a group of twentysomethings. Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Sat 4.30pm, ends 22 Aug. £10, concs £5, Mon - all seats £5. King Street, W6 (0181-741 2311) Hammersmith.

> T<u>heatre</u> COUNTRYWIDE

THEATRE ROYAL Alarms And Excursions - More Plays Than One Michael Frayn's new comedy about a dinner parly which is interrupted by mysterious messages. Tonight 7.30pm, ends 8 Aug. £10-£24 50. St Johns Place (01225-448844/cc 448861)

BOURNEMOUTH PAVILION THEATRE Grease Luke Goss stars in the stage version of the hit film. Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Wed & Sat 2.30pm. £15-£19.50, concs available. Westover Road (01202-456456)

FIRST CALL, LAST CALL

First Call

EXILED from the pop charts lately, the Artist Formerly Known as Prince (right) has rung the deathly bell of concept work and eschewed the media. But it looks as if the tiny purple one is ready to enter the public fray once more, and this month sees the Artist and the New Power Generation in a rare live show at Wembley Arena. Speedy ticket sales suggest forgiveness for the eccentric and underscores the enduring appeal of albums such as Purple Rom and Porode. Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Middleser, HA9 (0181-902 0902) 26 Aug, £28.50

Last Call

JEAN-MARIE BESSET'S take on millennium mania, What You Get and What You Expect, is about two architects competing to design a monument on the moon. Simon Dutton plays Lebrett, the outwardly impatient and aggressive older architect, while Dominic Taylor is the calmer, younger high-flyer. They move from antechamber to apartment to office and back again, but the most dynamic architecture is to be found exhibited in the human form. Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, London W6

(0181-741 2311) to 8 Aug. £10-£14



PIER THEATRE See How They Run **EXHIBITIONS** Philip Kino's larce about mistaken identities and general confusion. Mon-Tue Thu-Sat 8pm, Wed & Sat 5.30pm & 8.40pm £10 50-£12.50, concs

available. Pier Approach (01202-456456) BROMLEY CHURCHILL THEATRE Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor

Dreamcoat Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical, Mon-Thu 2,30cm 8 7.30pm, Fri-Sat 5pm & 8pm, ends 15 Aug. £6-£18, concs available. High Street (0181-460 6677) CAMBRIDGE GIRTON COLLEGE GARDENS

The Taming Of The Shrew Shake performed in the open air. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, ends 29 Aug £9 concs £6. Hunt-ingdon Road (01223-504444/357851) GUILDFORD YVONNE ARNAUD THEATRE

The Doctor's Dilemma Tony Britton stars in George Bernard Shaw's comedy. Tonight 7.45pm, ends 8 Aug £10-£21.50, concs available. Millbrook (01483-440000) ILFRACOMBE THE LANDMARK Barnum Peter

6 Sep. £10-£14.75. The Promenade Wilder Road (01271-324242) NEWBURY WATERMILL THEATRE Cabare Kander and Ebb's musical about life in decadent 1930s Berlin, Mon-Sat 7,30pm,

mats Thu & Sat, 2.30pm, ends 22 Aug.

£6-£15, concs available. Bagnor

Duncan stars in this circus show.

(01635-46044) NORWICH MADDERMARKET THEATRE The Broken Jug Shambolic courtroom cornedy which centres on an heirloom jug broken during an amorous encounter. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, ends 8 Aug. £4-£6.50. St Johns Alley

OXFORD MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL GROUNDS Hamlet ining of this drama on an island on the River Cherwell. Mon-Sat 8pm, ends 29 Aug. £9, concs £7. High Street (N1865-798600)

(01603-620917)

QUENNINGTON THE OLD RECTORY The Merchant Of Venice Venice is recreated on the River Coln in this outdoor production of Shakespeare's classic. Tonight, doors open 6pm, ends 9 Aug. £6.50-£15. (01285-

READING THE MILL AT SONNING Out Of Order Ray Cooney's farce about a Govemment minister, an Opposition typist and a dead body. Tue-Sat 8 15pm, mats Sat 2.15pm, ends 15 Aug. £20.95-£31.95 in cl meal. Sonning Eye (0118-969 8000)

SOUTHAMPTON MAYFLOWER THEATRE The Goodbye Girl Marti Webb and Gary Wilmot star in this musical adaptation or the Neil Simon movie. Mon-Sal 7.30pm. mats Wed & Sal 2pm, ends 15 Aug. £10-£21.50. Commercial Road (01703-711811)

STRATFORD-UPON-AYON THE OTHER PLACE Goodnight Children Everywhere Drama about the emotional tragility of family relation ships in rep, tonight 7.30pm, ends 1 Sep. £12-£19. Southern Lane (01789-295623) ROYAL SHAKESPEARE THE-

ATRE The Tempest Adrian Noble directs. In rep. mat today 1.30pm, ends 29 Aug. £5-£37. The Merchant Of Venice Shakesneam's drama about love and money. In rep. tonight 7.30pm. ends 1 Sep. £5-£37. Waterside (01789-295623)

SWAN THEATRE Bartholomew Fair Jonson's theatrical drama is sympathetically staged at the Swan for the RSC. In rep. tonight 7.30pm, ends 1 Sep. £5-£31. Waterside (01789-295623)

SWANSEA

GRAND THEATRE Dial M For Murder Frederick Knott's classic whodunnit Tonigh 7.30pm, ends 8 Aug. £5.50-£7.50. Singleton Street (01792-475715) TOROUAY PRINCESS THEATRE That'il Be

The Day Musical taking audiences through 20 years of pop music, from the 1950s to the 1970s. Tonight 8pm, ends 8 Sep. £10, concs available. Torbay Road (01803-290290) WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA CLIFFS PAVILION Boogle Nights 11am-7pm, Sun 11am-5pm, ends 1 Nov.

Road (01702-351135) PALACE THEATRE CENTRE Peril At End House Agatha Christle's classic whodunnit Tonight 8pm, ends 8 Aug Phone for prices. London Road (01702-342564)

Shane Richie stars in a brand new 1970s

musical. Mon-Thu 8pm, Fri & Sat 5pm

& 8pm, ends 15 Aug. £11-£21. Station

BEXHILL-ON-SEA DE LA WARR PAVILION Gluck 1895-1978 Portraits and flower paintings from the 1930s. Mon-Fri 12am-7pm, Sat-Sun 11am-9pm, ends 9 Aug, free Marina (01424-787949)

CONTACT GALLERY (BRIGHTON MEDIA CENTRE)
The Association of Photographers 15th Annual Award Show A selection of this year's entries. Tue-Sun 10am-6pm, ends 9 Aug, free. Middle Street (01273-384246)

CARDIFF NATIONAL MUSEUM AND GALLERY Victorian Visions: Drawings And Watercolours Victorian art from Rossetti to Whistler.

Princes As Patrons Over 250 works from the Royal Collection, Tue-Sun 10am-5pm, ends 8 Nov. £4.25, concs £2.50, family £9.75. Cathays Park (01222-397951). LONDON

BARBICAN ART GALLERY The Warhol Look: Glamour, Style, Fashion Exploring art, film and fashion during Warhof's life. Mon. Thu-Sat 10am-6.45pm, Tue 10am-5.45pm, Wed 10am-7.45pm, Sun 12noon-6.45pm. ends 16 Aug. £6 (£4 after 5pm Mon-Fri), concs £4. Sifk Street (0171-638 4141) DESIGN MUSEUM Design

Dynasty: Ferdinand Porsche Fifty years of vehicle design. Ends 8 Aug. £5.25, concs £4 (to museum). Innovation By Design: 100 Years Of Bosch In The UK Celebrating the work of the inventor and industrialist. Mon-Sun 11.30am-6pm, Ends 16 Aug. £5.25, cones £4 (to museum). Shad Thames SE1 (0171-378 6055) Tower Hill/DLR: Tower Gateway.

HAYWARD GALLERY Bruce Nauman Retrospective of the contemporary American artist. Mon-Sun 10am-6pm (Tue & Wed to 8pm), ends 6 Sep. £5, concs £3.50. Belvedere Road, SE1 (0171-960 4242) BR/→ Waterloo. ICA GALLERY Lari Pittman First

major UK show for important American painter. Mori-Sun 12noon-7.30pm (Fri to 9om), ends 6 Sep. £1.50, concs £1. Sal-Sun £2.50, concs £1.50. The Mall, SW1 (0171-930 3647) ← Charing Cross. NATIONAL GALLERY Caravaggio: The Flagellation Of Christ Exhibition

centred on a loaned work by the 17th-century artist. Ends 9 Aug., free. Venice Through Canaletto's Eyes Twenty-three paintings and drawings by the Venetian artist. Mon-Sat 10am-6pm (Wed to 8pm), Sun 12noon-6pm, ends 11 Oct, tree. Trafalgar Square, WC2 (0171-839 3321) + Charing Cross, Leicester Souare.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS Royal Academy Summer Exhibition 1998 Major annual selling exhibition. Mon-Sun 10am-6pm (Sun to 8.30pm), ends 16 Aug. £7, UB40/OAP £5.50, NUS £5, child 12-18 £2.50, child 8-11 £1. incl handbook Chagall: Love And The Stage

Featuring colourful murals made in Russia. Mon-Sun 10am-6pm (Fri & Sun to 8.30pm), ends 4 Oct. £6, concs £5, NUS £4, child 12-18 £2.50, child 8-11 £1. Critical Mass: Antony Gormley Sixty casts of human bodies. Mon-Sun all day, ends 30 Sep. free, Burlington House, Piccadilly, W1 (0171-300 8000) Green Parl/Piccadilly Circus.

TATE GALLERY Art Now 14: Sophie Calle's The Birthday Cerec Sculptural installation of birthday gifts. Ends 16 Aug. free. Patrick Heron Retrospective of the British artist who played a major role in post-war abstract art. Ends 6 Sep. £5, concs £3.25

Warhol And Beuys: Loans From The Froelich Collection Work by leading 20th-century artists. Mon-Sun 10am-5.50pm, ends 20 Sep, Iree. nfight And Firelight: Wa From The Turner Beauest Work exploring Turner's interest in moonlight and firelight. Mon-Sun 10am-5.50pm, ends 11 Nov. free Milibank, SW1 (0171-887 8000) & Pimlica.

ST IVES TATE GALLERY Colour In Space: Patrick Heron Show documenting Britain's leading artist's public artwork. After Adraga: John Beard Studies of a Portuguese cliff face. Ends 1 Nov Displays 1997-8 Show locusing on the De Stijl group and the contemporaries of The Fragile Cell: John Wells Painlings by a lesser-known St Ives artist. Mon-Sat

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(01736-796226)

WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA SCHOOL HOUSE GALLERY David Hockney: Grimm's Fairy Tales Etchings based on fairy tales. Tue-Sun 11.30am-5pm, ends 27 Aug, free. (01328-820457)

£3.50, concs £2. Porthmeor Beach

CLASSICAL

LONDON ROYAL ALBERT HALL 880 Symphony Orchestra/Otaka Dvorak's Cello Concerto and Elgar's 1st Symphony. Tonight 7 30pm. £3-£20, kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212) High Street Kensynaton

SHELDONIAN THEATRE Adderbury Ensemble/Cave Taking in Mozart's Requiem, Tonight 8pm, £12, concs £8. Broad Street (01865-261384)

OPERA

LONDON CANNIZARO PARK Madam Butterfly Puccini's ever-popular tragic drama from Opera Box. Tonight 7 30pm

HOLLAND PARK THEATRE L'Artestanz Rare outing for Cilea's drama in a staging by Opera Holland Park. directed by Tom Hawkes. Tonight 7.30pm £24, concs £18.50. Kensington High Street, W8 (0171-602 7856) → High Street kensington.

DANCE

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BARBICAN THEATRE Tharp!: Programme Two Twyla Tharp's Heroes set to music by Philip Glass, 66 to big band songs, plus Sweet Fields set to 19th century hymns. Tonight 7,45pm, £8-£27, concs available on day. Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891) Barbican.

JACKSON'S LANE COMMUNI-TY CENTRE Mosaics '98 Nightly double bills of new and stimulating work, Tue-Sat 8pm, ends 29 Aug. £6-£7. concs £4-£5. Archway Road, N6 (0181-

LONDON COLISEUM Dash To The London Coliseum With Wayne Sleep ny or virtuoso artists derform a range of ballet and vibrant choreography. Tonight 7.30pm, £10-£37 50. St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-632 8300) Leicester Square/Charino Cross.

LITERATURE

PORTOBELLO FESTIVAL: FARRAGO SLAM! CLUB FREE FESTIVAL SPECIAL Performance poetry by leading UK and international poets, with quest musicians and D.Is. Post Office Theatre Hewer Street. Off Barlby Road W10 (0181-960 3337) Ladbroke Grove. Tonight 8pm, free.

DYLAN THOMAS: A CELEBRA-TION Festival devoted to his life and work. The Dylan Thomas Centre Somerset Place (01792-463993) Ends 12 Aug. phone for details.

COMEDY

CAMBRIDGE

THE GROLSCH MARQUEE CLUB AT JESUS GREEN Noel James, Logan Murray, Kevin Gildea and MC Adrian Cook. Tonight 7.30pm, £5. (01223-357851)

SHORT BAC & SIDES AT BACHitchcock's Half Hour in Psycho Vertigo Disco. Tonight 9pm, phone for Ed Byrne in A Night At The Opera. Tonicht 10pm, phone for prices.

Lavender Hilf, SW11 (0171-223 2223)

BR. Clapham Junction THE COMEDY STORE The Cutting Edge with Lee Hurst, Martin Coyole, John Moloney, Phil Davey, Matt Welcome and Sleve Gribbin, Tonight 8pm, £11 concs £7. Oxendon Street SW1 (01426-914433) → Piccadilly Circus.

CLUBS

LONDON STONED ASIA AT THE JUNCTION Uplifting western beats and eastern classicism from DJ Pathaan.

FORGERY AT DOG STAR Patrick Forge (Kiss FM) and Richard Welch play disco, drum in bass, Latin and jazz. Tonight 10pm-2am, Coldharbour Lane, SW9

STEVE HYPER D MEMORIAL AT THE END All proceeds go to the SHD fund at this night featuring Randall, Blackmarket, Goldie, Fabio and many more. Tonight 10pm-late. West Central Streel, WC1 (0171-419 9199) ← Tottenham Court Road/Holborn, £10. details **EVENTS**

BRACKNELL DRUM WORKSHOPS (AGES 11-15) Workshop exploring drums 4 percussion, misings and recording, from rock to fatin, kit and blank tape provided. South Hill Park Arts Centre South Hill Park (01344-484123) Today 1pm-3pm, £7 50, hook in advance

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HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN IN OUR TIME: EXHIBITION Contemporary illustrations by Enk Barge alongside Victorian and modern depictions of the classic tales. Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood 10am-5 50pm & Sun 2 30pm-5.50pm, ends 10 Sep, tree by ticket, under 85 must be accompanied

ANCIENT LANDS: A FAMILY EVENING OPENING: CHILDREN'S EVENT Hands on activities, gallery talks and lectures on ancient coins and the Forbidden City. Ages 8 and up British Museum Great Russell Street WC1 (0171-323 8605) Russell Square/Tottenham Court Road/Holborn Tonight Gorn-9pm, £5. child £2, family £10.

CARVE & CONSTRUCT: ART FOR THE UNEMPLOYED COURSE Create 3-D sculpture in the Gattery Garden using expended cement. wire, plaster, junk and cast olfs Materials provided Dulwich Picture Gallery College Road SE21 (0181-693 6911) BR: West Dutwich/North Dulwich 10.30am-3.30pm, ends 7 Aug, tree to ES407.(\$40 cardholders

MUSIC

COWES LISA MARIÉ EXPERIENCE, TIN TIN OUT Dance music line-up Northwood House Ward Avenue (01983-823828) Tonight 8pm, £15

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outlit. Benny's Bar Leinster Terrace W2 (0181-463 0490) → Bayswater, Tonight 8.30pm, £4. concs £3. DISCO PISTOL Glammy indie kid Mira and her gang. Camden Palace Camden High Street NW1 (0171-387

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0428) ← Carnden Town, Tonight 10pm, £5, concs £3. DAVID DEVANT Tuesday night residency of the melodramatic indie itk. Water Rats Theatre Grav's Inn Road WC1 (0181-885 6488) ← King's Cross.

Tonight 8pm, £6 MY DRUG HELL Doomy 1960sinfluenced outfit. WKD Cafe Kentish Town Road NW1 (0171-267 1869) Camden Town Tonight 9pm, £5.

MUSIC JAZZ, WORLD, FOLK

LONDON GARETH WILLIAMS, RICHARD BUSIAKIEWICZ Modern pizno trio double bill. 666 Club Lots Road SW10 (0171-352 5953) Fulham Broadway/Earls Court. Tonight 9.30pm & 12midnight, £4,95.

EALING JAZZ FESTIVAL Harlern

Airshaft, ken McCarthy Quintet, Ray

Foxley, Adrian Macintosh Sextet and

with Walthe with the Macusi Players. Walpole Park Mallock Lane W5 (0181-758 5741) Tube/BR: Ealing Broadway. Today 12.30pm, 2.15pm, 6pm, 7 30pm & 9 15pm, free. HOWARD ALDEN QUARTET Accomplished American straightahead quitansi Pizza Express Jazz Club Dean Street W1 (0171-439 8722)

O Tottenham Court Road. Tonight 9pm, £12.50. JOSE NETO QUARTET Exciting Brazilian jazz-rock guitarist. Ronnie Scott's Frith Street W1 (0171-439 0747) ◆ Leicester Square, Tonight 9 30pm, £12. mems £4, NUS £8 (Mon-Thu); £15, mems

ESTELLE KOKOT'S SINGERS' NIGHT Vocal jam session. Tatty Bogle Klub Kingly Street W1 (0171-738 6527) Coxlord Circus. Torright 9pm, £4 GINA HARKELL QUARTET

Street N16 (0171-254 6516) BR: Stoke Newington, Tonight Sprn, 64. JOEL HELLENY QUARTET Mainsheam US frombornst, veteran of the

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£8 (Fri-Sat). Resourceful vocahst interprets jazz-folk malerial. Vortex Stoke Newington Church

Tonight 8pm-1am, Coldharbour Lane, SW9 (0171-738 4000) → Bridon, free. SAFFRON WALDRON Swing bands. Saffron Hotel High Street (01799-522676) Tonight 8 30pm, phone for prices

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(976-998MHz FM) 6.30 Chris Moyles. 9.00 Mark Goodler, 11.30 Radio 1 Roadshow. 12.30 Newsbeat 12.45 Jo Whiley. 2.00 Mark Radcliffe. 4.00 Dave Pearce. 6.30 Steve Lamacq - the Evening Session, 8,30 Digital Update 8.40 John Peel 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs. 12.00 The Breezeblock. 2.00 Charlie Jordan. 4.00 .

RADIO 1

RADIO 2 188-90.2MHz FM) 6.00 Sarah Kennedy. 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan. 9.30 Ken Bruca. 12.00 Jimmy Young 2.00 Alex Lester. 5.05 John Dunn. 7.00 Carl Davis

6.30 Clive Warren.

RADIO 3

Classics. 8.00 Nigel Ogden. 9.00 Fag End: the History of Smoking. See Pick of the Day. 10.00 Giant Strides (Stride Piano). 10.30 Richard Allinson, 12.05 Steve Medden, 3.00 - 4.00 Annie Othen.

(90.2-92.4MHz FM) 6.00 On Air. 9.00 Masterworks 10.30 Proms Artist of the Week. **11.00** Sound Stories. Pr2.00 Proms Composer of the Week: Elgar. 1.00 The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert. 2.00 BBC Proms 98. (R) 4.00 Choral Voices. 4.45 Quartet **5.00** In Tune. 7.30 BBC Proms 98. The first of Elgar's symphonies, all three of which (including Anthony Payne's version of No 3) feature in this Proms season, is one of the all-time great romantic cello concertos and a moving homage to the dead of Katyn in Poland. Yo-Yo Ma (cello), BBC Symphony Orchestra/ adalaki Otaka. Panulinik Katyn Epitaph. Ovoralc Cello Concerto in B minor. 8.20 Gossio from Giggleswick. Kenneth Shenton explores the correspondence between Edward Elgar and Yorkshire doctor Charles

Buck, his close confidante for 50 years. (R) 3.40 Concert, part 2. Elgar. Symphony No 1 in A flat. 29.50 Postscript. Five programmes this week in which Nicholas Ward-Jackson explores the contemporary art world. In the second programme, he talks to Gillian Wearing about life after the Turner Prize. Recorded

SKY MOVIES SCREEN 1

1995) (70617). **9.00** Sk

6.00 Magic Sticks (1987) (78075), 7.30 in like Flynn (1985) (22723), 9.30 Goldfocks

11.15 The Big Green (1995) (808278). 1.15 in like Flynn (1985) (62458452). 3.00

Sense and Sensibility (1995) (40024704).

5.15 Goldlocks and the Three Bears (1995) (13402568). 7.00 The Big Green

2,29568). **10.30** Trilogy of Terror II (1996)

(30175487). **12.05** Grumpler Old Men

Losing Isaiah (1995) (531834). 3.40 -

6.00 Divorce, American Style (1967)

(42346), 10.00 Head (1968) (96704).

(93029), 8.00 The Nelson Affair (1973)

12.00 Invisible Morn (1995) (65297). 2.00

When innocence is Lost (1997) (35617).

(6742), **6.00** Invisible Mom (1995) (10520).

7.30 Behind the Scenes: the Mask of Zor-

(85100), **10.30** Ransom (1996) (32518433). **12.35** Excessive Force I; Force on Force

(1996) (475495). 3.40 - 6.00 The Terror

(6280384), **6.00** The Lighthorsemen (1968) (3888433), **8.00** Power (1986) (3890278).

10.00 Out for Justice (1991) (7581520).

11.35 The First Power (1990) (1358891).

Money (1983) (3135143), 4.50 Close.

Red Shoe Diaries (9401926). 11.00

Film: Ultimate Action: Undefeatable

(1993) (1927365). **1.00** Beverly Hills Bordelo (1489327). **1.30** Italian Stripping

Housewives (1907501). 2.00 Real Sto-

nes of the Highway Patrol (3917360). 2.30 Cops (3936495). 3.00 Film: Re-

5.30 - 6.00 Freaky Stones (4967679).

4.00 The Dicemen (1787839). 4.30 Top

(5178704), 5.30 Jurassica (1767075), 6.00

Wildlife SQS (1764988). 6.30 Walk on the

Marques II (1776723), 5.00 First Flights

turn of the Swamp Thing (1989) (9650940). **5.00** Monsters (6380762).

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145 The Fury (1978) (1486292), 3.15 Easy

8.00 The A-Team (4312015). 9.00 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (6935100). 19.30 Cops (7693988). 10.00 Italian Stripping Housewives (9492278). 10.30

4.00 Heed (1988). See Pick of the Day

ro (6839). 8.00 The Good Old Boys

(1994) (50925), 10.00 The Movie Show

(1995) (8894259). **2.05** Bottle Rocket

4.00 Gentiemen's Agreement* (1947)

Inside (1996) (65598785).

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00 Chel (1969) (65590143).

SKY MOVIES SCREEN 2

(1995). See Pick of the Day (735037). 1.50

and the Three Bears (1995) (20820013).

PICK OF THE DAY

THE FIRST guest in a new series of about an Asian patriarch and his On the Ropes (92m/9.30pm R4) is stubbornly westernised offspring. the "brash and boastful" Derek Miles Kington (right) looks at the Draper, "slightly chastened" by the history of smoking, and ponders its late lobbying outrage. He tells John imminent extinction in Fag End Humphrys that he is not just the carpethagger of myth, but a principled political animal: "New Labour before New Labour". Just watch this boy examination of the multiple worlds spin. Grease Monkeys(11.30am R4) is an above-par comedy drama serial, scripted by Harwant Bains,

on the streets of London, Wearing

with the city's public spaces and

private lives. The programme

Music by Dutay and Josquin

A journey into the heart of one

talks about her ongoing fascination

contains new audio works by her. (R)

10.15 Voices from the Netherlands.

performed by the Hilliard Ensemble.

10.45 What Are They Looking At?

of the National Gallery of London's

most famous paintings - The Amolfini Portrait by Van Eyck. "I've

been coming to look at this for 30

know why it moves me so much."

Nor do the critics; nor do we. For the last 100 years of its 500-year

history, Van Eyck's secular master

piece, a double portrait of a richly

dressed couple, sometimes called

3 goes through the mirror into the

heart of the work. With Jack Klaff

1.00 - 6.00 Through the Night.

to please, puzzle and polarise

11.30 Jazz Notes.

(924-946MHz FM)

Handel (R)

RADIO 4

6.00 Today.

9.30 The Vale.

The Amolfini Marriage, has managed

both critical and public opinion. Radio

as Van Eyck. See Pick of the Day. (R)

12.00 Proms Composer of the Week:

9.00 On the Ropes. See Pick of the Day.

9.45 Cod: A Biography of the Fish

11.00 NEWS; A Book That Changed

That Changed the World.

10.00 NEWS; Woman's Hour.

years," says one visitor, "and I don't

(9pm R2); and there's a re-run of What Are They Looking At? (10.45pm R3), an imaginative contained in Van Eyck's painting The Arnolfini Marriage.

11.30 Grease Monkeys. See Pick

12.00 NEWS; You and Yours.

of the Day.

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5.00 PM

4.30 Shop Talk

5.57 Weather.

12.57 Weather.

1.00 The World at One.

1.30 Tricks of the Trade.

2.00 NEWS; The Archers.

3.30 A Childhood of Play. (R)

4.00 NFWS: A Good Read

6.30 The Mark Steel Revolution.

presents the nightly arts programme

7.45 Postcards: On the Rocks. By

Helen Kluger. Sizzling Sydnee Sachell, fading American diva, steps out of Hollywood into Porthant Bay. Can

the locals cope as filming begins?

Lorelei King and Tristan Sturrock.

8.00 NEWS; Face the Facts. John

Waite and his team of investigators

follow up listeners' complaints and

look at wider issues affecting the lives

8.40 In Touch. Peter White with news

9.00 NEWS; The Healers, BBC social

affairs editor Niali Dickson presents

six programmes about people who

pressures they work under affect the

work in healthcare and how the

lot of patients. 5: The Psychiatrist.

Director Pauline Harris (2/5).

for visually impaired people.

of ordinary people.

More to the point, can they act? With

3.45 The Death of Brian.

6.00 Six O'Clock News

7.00 NEWS; The Archers.

7:15 Front Row. Mark Lawson

2.15 Afternoon Play: Telling Tales.

3.00 NEWS; The Exchange (0171)



Why do psychiatrists get such a bad press, and how will they cope with the increasing numbers of elderly patients who have dementia? 9.30 On the Ropes. John Humphrys talks to successful people who have weathered storms in their careers. 1: Derek Draper, the political lobbyist at the centre of the Government's cashfor-access scandal. See Pick of the Day. 10.00 The World Tonight. 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Fame is the Spur. By Howard Spring, read by David Calder (2/10). 11.00 Goodness Gracious Me. A sixpart series of the award-winning Asian sketch show. 2: The Gourmet Maharaia offers a recipe for fried meerkat toes. Starring Sanjeev Bhaskar, Kulvinder Ghir, Meera Syal and Nina Wadia. (R) 11.30 Talking Pictures.

12.00 News 12.30 The Late Book: The Shipping News, (R) 12.48 Shipping Forecast. 1.00 As World Service.

5.30 World News. 5.35 Shipping Forecast. 5.40 Inshore Forecast. 5.45 Prayer for the Day. 5.47 - 6.00 Farming Today **RADIO 4 LW**

(198kHz) 9.45 - 10.00 Daily Service. 12.00 - 12.04 News Headlines: Shipping Forecast. 5.54 - 5.57 Shipping Forecast.

RADIO 5 LIVE (693, 909kHz MW) 6.00 The Breakfast Programme. 9.00 Nicky CampbelL 12.00 The Midday News. 1.00 Ruscoe and Co. 4.00 Nationwide. 7.00 News Extra

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7.30 Any Sporting Questions? John inverdale hosts a sporting debate from Sunderland's Stadium of Light. where a studio audience put their questions to a panel of sporting celebrities including Sunderland striker Nitali Quinn, `

9.00 Extra Time. Mark Steel and guests go back to the 1986 Benson and Hedges Cup final for this week's comedy sports quiz. 10.00 Late Night Live. The day's big stories with Nick Robinson, Including 10.30 a full sports round-up. 11.00

1130 and 100, a sharp and spirited late-night topical discussion. 1.00 Up All Night 5.00 - 6.00 Morning Reports.

News and finance. And, between

CLASSIC FM (100.0-101.9MHz FM) 6.00 Nick Bailey. 8.00 Henry Kelly. 12.00 Requests. 2.00 Concerto. 3.00 Jamie Crick. 6.30 Newsnight. 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven. 9.00 Evening Concert. 1L00 Michael Mappin. 2.00 Concerto. 3.00 - 6.00 Mark Griffiths.

VERGIN RADIO (1215, 1197-1260kHz MW 1058MHz FM) 6.30 Chris Evans. 9.30 Russ Williams. 1.00 Nick Abbot. 4.00 Robin Banks/FM only Ray Cokes from 645pm. 7.30 Ray Cokes. 10.00 Paul Coyte. 1.30 Peter Poulton. 4.30 - 6.30 Jeremy Clark.

WORLD SERVICE (198kHz LW) 1.00 Newsdesk. 1.30 The Farming World, 1.45 Britain Today, 2.00 Newsdesk. 2.30 Discovery. 3.00 Newsday. 3.30 Meridian (Live). 4.00 World News. 4,05 World Business Report. 4.15 Sports Roundup. 4.30 7.00 The World Today.

TALK RADIO 6.30 Kirsty Young with Bill Overton. 9.00 Scott Chisholm. **1L00** Lorraine Kelly. **1.00** Anna Raeburn. **3.00** Tommy Boyd. 5.00 Peter Deeley. 7.00 Nick Abbot. 9.00 James Whale. 1.00 Ian Collins. 5.00 - 6.30 Early Show with Bill Overton.

INDEPENDENT PURSUITS

CHESS WILLIAM HARTSTON

AFTER SIX rounds of the British Championship in Torquay, two favourites. Nigel Short and Matthew Sadler, share the lead on 5 points. Jon Speelman is half a point behind.

Short and Sadler both won their first four games, then met in round five, in a game in which Sadler had to defend accurately to save an endgame a pawn behind. In the sixth round. Short was held to a draw by Jonathan Rowson while Sadler drew with Speelman.

In both the fifth and the sixth

rounds, all games on the top four boards ended in draws, which gave the chasing group a chance to catch up.

The race for first place between Sadler and Short promises an intriguing week. Sadler has already beaten Rowson and, having already played Speelman, seems likely to face slightly easier competition. But with grandmasters such as Miles and Hebden lurking close behind the leaders, there should be plenty of exciting chess to fill this space.

CREATIVITY WILLIAM HARTSTON

WE ASKED what had happened to with a 69. If only golfers still wore all those loud check trousers plus-fours, such displays of youthgolfers used to wear. Mary Flavin reports as follows: "I have checked on this and found that golfers' wives rebelled against their husbands' appalling sartorial taste and forcibly removed these frightful trousers from their wardrobes. They then sold them on to farmers to dress scarecrows in, but they scared so many birds to death that a wildlife protection group quickly had them banned. They were subsequently cut up and hung in the back windows of cars to deter other drivers from coming too close." Mike Gifford has a simple account of where they've gone: "Checks are out: you need stripes to com-

pete with Tiger Woods." Geoffrey Langley points out that "golfing trousers, like most affronts to civilised living, originated in the US of A." He says that since golf is the third greatest bore in the world, "after Internet enthusiasts and the great Dome itself", the trousers should be given to maintenance workers on the Channel Tunnel Nicholas E Gough thinks checked trousers make ideal chessboard warmers. Lindsay Warden suggests filling them with latex and throwing them around to produce bouncing checks. Or coat them in latex, sew up the turn-up, cut them in half and use as novelty giant condoms.

Neil Hudson says they are rare because they represent the highest level of golf masters. "Like the belt system in judo, golfers must progress through bell-bottoms. corduroys and tartan trousers before finally being allowed to wear BA to enable their cabin staff to windbags, says RJ Pickles. match the newly decorated tail fins. John Lamper gave up wearing gaudily coloured golfing trousers as soon as he got a hole in one. He prised to read in your newspaper that our new golfing hero rounded

ful exuberance might be curbed."

Len Clarke doesn't like checks and headed straight for the check out when he was given a pair. "A golfer who went on a cruise. Cried: What shall I do with my

He laid them on deck In event of a wreck He'd be saved by the sight of those

hues." (writes Janet Holdcroft). Sian "no trousers" Cole tells us that she has long, silky-smooth legs, and that trousers of any sort are a waste of time. Noel Mitchell says that gaudy trousers are no longer par for the course. Bruce Birchall points out that plus-fours were eliminated in the cut after round two (along with plus 5s, plus 6s etc). They were outshone, he says, by Tiger, Tiger, burning

bright. Norman Foster says they're worn by lovers "who remove them, then play noughts and crosses on them while waiting for the Viagra to work". PJ Turner says they been cut up into head-towels for Yasser Arafat. Maguy Higgs writes: The chequered trousers worn erstwhile by golfers on the green Convert quite well to something else as will be quickly seen:

Cut off one leg, and seam the end; a windsock now emerges; To warn the pilots at Heathrow they're getting near the verges.

Daniel Holloway suggests wigs for Scottish football fans, or colourblindness tests, or tea-cosies, or putting into high-tar-tan cigarettes Jan Moor says: "Tablecloths for tee-parties". Judith Holmes advises using them as sandbags in checked ones." Andrew Duncan bunkers "to stem the tide of sartorthinks they've been bought up by ial freedom in sport." Bagpipe

Chambers Dictionary prizes to John Lamper, Janet Holdcroft and Mary Flavin. Next week, ways to kill Hitler Meanwhile, we seek uses for adds: "I must confess I was sur- an extraterrestrial. Ideas will be welcome at Creativity, The Independent, 1 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5DL.

SATELLITE AND CABLE

PICK OF THE DAY

Screen 1). A sequel too far for some but their squabblingneighbours act is still good value. Head (4pm Sky Movies Screen 2) is a strange hybrid. It's the first feature from Bob Rafelson, director of the Jack Nicholson version of The Postman Always Rings Twice, and stars the

JACK LEMMON and Walter pop group The Monkees (right). Matthau reprise their famous Nicholson is a co-writer/producer pairing from Grumpy Old Men on this bizarre, pyschedelic nd The Odd Couple in Grumpier concoction, which flopped in Old Men (12.05am Sky Movies America, perhaps undeservedly. This is a more sophisticated 90 minutes than the recent film from The Spice Girls, another fabulously manufactured group; in places subversive, satirical and political, it's probably not what Monkees fans wanted or had come to expect.

Wild Side (3968723), 7.30 Arthur C Clarke's Mysterious Universe (1777452). 8.00 Discover Magazine (4417669), 9.00 Hitler's Henchmen (8817425), 10.00 Super Creeps: The Rat among Us (5887902). 1L00 Best of British (5430520), 12.00 First Flights (4962124), 12.30 Top Marques II (2711698). 1.00 Tarantulas and their Venomous Relations (2294124). 2.00 Close.

8.00 Teenage Alien Fighters from Beverly Hills (65346). 8.30 Street Sharks (64617). 9.00 Garfield (88297). 9.30 Simpsons (96758). 10.00 Garnes World (2435471). 10.15 Gernes World (2425094), 10.30 Just Kidding (77181). 11.00 New Adventures of Superman (93568). 12.00 Married with Children (68433). 12.30 M*A*S*H (4372075). 12.55 Special K Collection (39472051). **1.00** Geraldo (3182568). **1.55** The Special K Collection (42599568). 2.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (197346). 2.55 Special K Collection (8595742). 3.00 Jenny Jones (3168278). 3.55 Special K Collection (4016582). 4.00 Oprah Winfrey (45177). 5.00 Star Trek (5128). 6.00 The Namy (3365), 6.30 Married with Children (4617). 7.00 The Simpsons (1297). 7.30 Real TV (6029). 8.00 Speed (7617). 8.30 Coppers (9452). 9.00 Scariest Police Shoot-Outs (43636) 10.00 The Extraordinary (46723). 11.00 Star Trek (74433). 12.00 Nash Bridges (36308). 1.00 Long Play (495698).

SKY SPORTS 1 7.00 Sports Centre (5457704), 7:15 High 5

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(100433). 7.45 Survival of the Fittest (109704). **8.15** Sky Sports Centre (9659549). **8.30** Racing News (30549). 9.00 Aerobics - Oz Style (27029). 9.30 V-Max (56075). 10.00 Sam International Pool (26810). **11.00** Shooting (13346). 12.00 Aerobics - Oz Style (34365), 12.30 Cricket - AXA Life League Surrey v Sussex (37182). 2.30 Survival of the Fitte 3.00 International Bowls Australia v Wales Live Wire (3810). 6.00 Sky Sports Centre (8471), 6.30 Inside Scottish Football 73810), 7.30 The Pavilion End (96907). 8.30 Football - Charity Shield Special (71574). 10.00 Sky Sports Centre (906617). 10.15 Inside Scotlish Football (326839). 11.15 Rugby League Academy (315723). 12.15 Sky Sports Centre (1030501). 12.30 Football - Charity Shield Special (28037). 2.00 The Pavilion End (72921). 3.00 Sky Sports Centre (51338230). 3:15 Close.

7.00 Aerobics - Oz Style (6282297). 7.30 Sky Sports Centre (4290365). 7.45 Recing News (3792655). 8.45 This Week in Base-ball (7989094). 8.45 Sky Sports Centre (1301723). 9.00 Fish TV - Tony Dean Outdoors (2903384), 9.30 Fish TV (1480094), 10.00 Bowls Australia v Wales (1573/58). 12.00 Survival of the Fittest (2983520). 12.30 V-Max (1484810), 1.00 World Motor Sport (4917164). 5.00 Equestrianism (2135452) 6.00 Sports Unlimited (1572029). 7.00 Wentworth Seniors Golf

(2015891), 8.00 LPGA Golf (2035655) 10.00 Equestrianism (7846075). 11.30 Sports Unlimited (4145094), 12.00 Fastrax (7822495). **12.30** Sports Centre (3197308). **12.45** Wentworth Seniors Golf (733521f). 1.45 - 2.00 Sports Centre (39974940). SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 World Wrestling (85525029). 1.00 Fish TV (27869641). 1.30 Fish TV (85432365), 2.00 Sky Sports Classics FA Cup Everton v Liverpool (98492181). 3.00 The Entertainers (90422742). 3.30 Fastrax (20054346), 4.00 Wentworth Seniors Golf (64395655). 5.00 Sam International Pool (90413094). **6.00** Rugby League Academy (85441013). **7.00** Fish TV Fishing Tales (39297704), 8.00 Major League Baseball -Game of the Week (39217568), 10.00 Superbouts James Toney v Prince' Charles Williams (39296075). 11.00 The Entertainers (64396384). 11.30 Close.

EUROSPORT 7.30 Equestriarism (28094), 8.30 Synchronised Swimming (28384), 9.30 Football (70723), 11.00 Football: Eurogoals (48433). 12.30 Equestrianism (62013). 1.30 Al Sports Playtile (57758), 2.00 Tennis (89810), 3.30 Basketbell (96549), 5.00 Cycling (5278). **6.00** Tennis (73891). **8.00** Cycling (231891). **8.45** Boxing (323742). **9.45** Football Liverpool v Inter Milan (987926). 11.30-12.30 Superblice (90926).

UK GOLD 7.00 Crossroads (5536758), 7.30 Neighbours (6021013), 7.55 EastEnders

(8137704). 8..30 The Bill (9495365). 9.00 The Bill (9486617), 9.30 Dengerfield (6257365), 10.30 The Sullivans (9588029), **11.00** Dallas (4569181), **11.55** Neighbours (33394568), **12.25** East-Enders (3837181). **1.00** All Creatures Great and Small (7616839), 2.00 Dallas (1926704), 2.55 The Bill (1791655), 3.25 The Bill (6893568). 3.55 Dangerfield (2913278). 4.55 EastEnders (144643) 5.30 Home to Roost (1769433), 6.00 Al Creatures Great and Small (7696075). 7.00 The Comedy Alternative: 200int4 Children (7775100). 7.40 The Comedy Alernative: Dad's Army (3360346). 8.20 The Comedy Alternative: Canned Carrott (8672723). 9.00 The Young Ones (6065723). 9.45 This Life (2973568). 10.35 Shooting Stars (5915487). 11.15 The Bill (6778839). 11.45 The Bill (8760810), **12.15** Harry's Kingdom (1316679), **1.50** The Equalizer (2660245). 2.35 - 7.00 Shopping (75396872).

LIVING 6.00 Tiny Living (3656075), 9.00 Rolonda (8553029), **9.50** Jerry Springer (2367655). **10.40** The Young and the itless (4292181). **11.30** Bro (9646346). 12.00 Jimmy's (911926). 12.35 Special Bables (79864433). 1.00 Rescue 911 (2575568). 1.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (6185549). 2.05 Rolonda (9272948). 2.55 Living It Up! (4253592). 3.55 Jerry Springer (6963568). 4.45 Tempestt (3125297). 5.35 Ready, Steady Cook (5127592). 6.40 Jerry Springer Uncut (3650162). **7.00** Rescue 911 (6269891). **7.30** Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (2332075). **8.00** Side Effects (3887704), 9.00 Film: When He's Not a Stranger (1989) (3880891), 11.00 The Sex Zone (2552617). 12.00 Close.

9.00 Films: Mutiny on the Bounty (1982) (14243181). 12.00 Films: The Hit (1965) (93471360). 2.15 Films: The Sea Hawk* (1940) (15995230). 5.00 Close().

PARAMOUNT COMEDY CHANNEL 7.00 Sister Sister (2181). 7.30 Roseanne (3549), 8.00 Grace under Fire (1029), 8.30 Caroline in the City (7636), 9.00 Cybil (48617), 9.30 Ellen (78297), 10.00 Frasier (33636), 10.30 Cheers (42384), 11.00 Duckman (43162), 11.30 The Morwenne Banks Show (61605). 12.00 Late Night with Devid Letterman (83230), **1.00** Frasier (93747), **1.30** Cheers (38308), **2.00** Caroline in the City (96899), **2.30** The Morwenna Banks Show (83476), 3.00 Roseanne (72281), 3.30 Cybil (46375), 4.00 Closa.

PUZZLE

I HAVE two taps, one of which can in 10 seconds. They are too far apart to put a cup under both at the same time. How quickly can I fill three cups, and how do I do it?

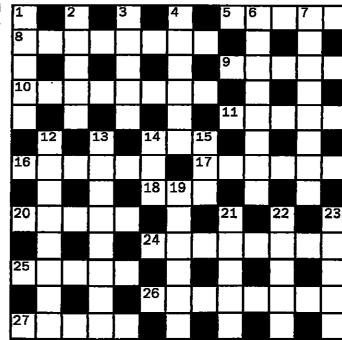
off his triumphant performance

Answer to yesterday's puzzle: fill a cup in 20 seconds, the other FISH-FIST-FIAT-FLAT-FLAP-CLAP-CHAP-CHIP

> (The answer to today's puzzle will appear tomorrow.)

CONCISE CROSSWORD

No. 3680 Tuesday 4 August



ACROSS

5 Condition (5) Gather (8) Perfume (5)

10 Critical point in time (8) 14 Place for working out (3)

17 Breezily (6) 18 Agent (3)

19 Area served by local church 21 Person telling tales (5) 26 Hired killer (8) 27 Fashion (5) 22 Letting agreement (5)

Solution to yesterday's Concise Crossword:

23 Contending (5)

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Stringed instrument (5)

Ministers of the church (6)

Employing (5)

Reserved (8)

Palpable (8)

12 Ominous (8)

14 Fuel 3)

(6)

15 Month (3)

Metalworker (5)

13 Five-sided figure (8)

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

N IRELAND As BBC1 London except: **6.30 • 7.00** Newstine 6.30

SCOTLAND As BBC1 London except: 8.00 News 6.30 - 7.00 Reporting Scotland 8.30 - 9.00 The Helio Girls WALES As BSC1 London except: 6.30 · 7.00 Wales Today

As Carton except: 9.25 The Jerry Springer Show (899556). 10.25 Justice of the Land (5238075). 11.25 Blue Heelers (844384). 12.20 Angla News and Westter (9365162). 1.00 Dinosaus (33348). 1.20 Home and Away (74471). Habiers (844336**). L00 Dinosaurs and Weather (9365762). L00 Dinosaurs (7447). 2.00 Lunch in the Sun (8039075). 3.20 Angla News and Weather (479839). 3.30 Shortland Street (1979655). 6.00 Home and Away (461433). 6.25 Anglia News (682655). 7.30 Liza's Country (755). 10.00 TN News: Weather (7586617). 12.45 Crime Night Weather (396617). 12.45 Crime Night (849487). 12.15 Tales from the Crypt (28372). 12.45 So You Think You're irish (4370414). 1.30 Planet Rock Profiles (9405672). 1.35 Best of British Motor (9405672). 1.35 Best of British Motor (9405672). 1.35 Best of British Motor (9405672). 1.25 Film: The Night

Caller (3940037). 3.50 Sport Classics (80319292). 4.20 Ed's Night Party (34787679). 4.40 Nightscreen (2987105).

As Cariton except: 12.20 Central News and Weather (9365162). 12.30 ITN News; Weather (72100). 1.00 A Country Practice (39346). 3.20 Central News CENTRAL (4799839), 5.10 Shortland Street (1979655), 6.00 Home and Away (1979655). **6.00** Horne and Away (461433). **6.25** Central News and Weather (682655). **7.30** Tuesday Special (655). **10.30** Central News, Weather and Travel Update (396617). **3.50** Jobfinder (1559124). **5.20** Asian Eye (1896414).

As Cariton except: 10.30 Fim: Shadow of a Doubt (83528988). 12.20 HTV News (3365162). 1.00 Shortland Street (33346). 1.30 Home and Away (71471). 2.00 Lunch in the Sun (8039075). 3.20 HTV News (479859). 5.10 People & Pets (1979655). 6.00 Home and Away (46143). 6.25 Wales Toright (682655). 7.30 A Visit to the Eisteddrod 98 (655). 10.30 HTV News (396617). 11.45 1998 Welsh Games (327433). 12.45 So You Think You're into (4370414). 1.30 Planet Rock Profiles

Sport (9415259). 2.25 Film: The Night Caller (3940037). 3.50 Sport Classics (60319292). 4.20 Eds Night Party (34787679). 4.40 Nightscreen (2987105).

HTV WEST As HTV Wales except: 5.10 What's My Line? (1979655), 6.30 The West Toright (471), 7.30 Take 3 (655), 11.45 Frieze Frame (649487), 12.15 Takes from the Darkside (28872). MERIDIAN

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Emmerdale (39346), 3.20 Westcountry
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Weether (337636). 5.55 Calendar Summer Special (9040013), 7.30 The Dales Diary (655). 10.39 Calendar News (396617). 4.35 ITV Nghtacreen (28570105). 4.20 Jobfinder (9655476). TYNE TEES As Yorkshire except: 12.20 North East News and Weather (9365162), 3.20 North East News; Weather (479839). 5.55 North East Weather (117100), 6.00 North East Tonight (57891), 10.30 North East News (396617).

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TELEVISION REVIEW

paper, whose covert recordings and video footage now form an important part of the prosecution's case. Only the witnesses and the accused are played by actors, but even they must be performing from a detailed briefing rather than a fline-by-line script, since the barristers must be allowed to pursue whatever line of questioning they wish to, officirwise the exercise would be entirely notabless.

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Heartburn Hotel (BBC1)
as now reached its third nd is thus open for lests. I'm not sure Sullivan and Steve ontedy is quite a peration yet, but the s promisingly solid di-couple of harmonic many sure of the sure

e Hussell's exasperated ther, and a solid supporting of eccentrics and losers, efreshed by the occasional ng guest. The script has its uents too – injecting a ng flavour of Northern club onic into the rather ween Tim hotclier and

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9.00 Kilroy (R) (S) (T) (8191549). 7.00 News (T) (34891).
9.00 Kilroy (R) (S) (T) (8191549). 9.40 What Now? (S) (T) (8238839). 10.05 Easy Money (S) (1528487). 10.30 The Rankin Challenge (S) (44839). 11.00 News; Regional News; Weather (T) (7880349). 11.05 Great Railway Journeys (R) (S) (T) (8447100). 11.25 News; Regional News; Weather (T) (2272810). 12.00 Every Second Counts (R) (S) (T) (28891). 12.30 A Word in Your Ear (R) (S) (54704). 1.00 News; Weather (T) (44278). 1.30 Regional News; Weather (46702029). 1.40 Neighbours (S) (T) (27150487). 2.05 Perry Mason (R) (S) (T) (9584926).

Newsj Weather (T) (723).

6.30 Regional News (T) (425)

7.00 Holidays Out. Mary Nightingale visits York, while celebrity parents Edward and Deirdre Enfield head for the Weish hills (S) (T) (1655).

8.00 Vets in Practice. Sick-puppy action. Trude Mostue treats a gerbit who has lost half his tail in a fight, and Steve Leonard fights to save a young pup with the deadly parvovirus (S) (T) (7075).

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8.30 Crime Beat. Surprisingly bearable real-life police action, presented by Martyn Lewis, focusing tonight on burglaries and car thefts (S) (7) (9810). News; Regional News; Weather (T) (6704).

9.30 Maisle Raine. 2/6. Ongoing drama series starring Pauline Oulrke as a female detective inspector. Tonight, the team faces a wall of silence when they investigate assault on an old codger (S) (T) (591487).

10,20 11.16 Chicago Hope (S) (T) (188592). DIDIGI Inside Story. A took at the relationship between 34-year-old Seattle schoolteacher Mary K Lefourneau and a 13-year-old pupil. Imprisoned for statutory rape and pregnant with the boy's second child, she is currently appealing against her conviction. See Documentary of the Day, below (S) (T) (819075).

Joins BBC News 24 (13663679). To Gam.

Children's BBC: Pingu (R) (S) (1153617). 3.40 Playdays (R) (S) (3832758). 4.00 Popeye (R) (3701384). 4.10 Gadget Boy (S) (5922704). 4.35 Round the Twist (R) (S) (T) (3424907). 5.00 Newsround (S) (T) (2464433). 5.10 The Fame Game (S) (T) (7397162).

5.35 Neighbours. Billy breaks up with Anne, and Susan jokes about Karl and Sarah having an affair (S) (T) (189162).

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7.30 EastEnders. Teresa di Marco tries to liven up the holiday (S) (T) (87).

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IN A Perfect Little Murder (Anson Williams 1990 US). TV movie about the sinister forces which lie dormant in suburble. A housewife gets wind of a murder plot, via her baby-monitor, and tries to pre-empt a nesty spot of homicide - you know the sort of thing (S) 45 Trial by Jury (S) (127891). 12.06 Grace (S) (9822327). 12.30 BBC Learning Zone: University – Noise Annoys (43208). 1.00 Inf Technology and Society (71563). 2.00 The Scientists and Inventors 3 (71679). 4.00 La Sueños – World Spanish 9-12 (82921). 5.00 and Training: Career Moves (2188389). 5.4! University: Non-Euclidean Geometry (67022 To 6.10am.

INSIDE STORY (10.20pm BBC1) "Nothing has been easier in my life to me than discovering that I truly loved this person," Mary K Letourneau (right) states at one point in this ascinating documentary. Unfortunately the feet that

DOCUMENTARY OF THE DAY

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D Poetry and Landscape (75297 Science and Technology (3130075). (S) (8601549) 7.05 Teletubbies (5) (R) (S) (2285297), 7.45 Smurfs Adv. 8.10 60/50 (R) (S) (T) (2081365), 8.2 (9412989), 9.05 Kernan and Kei (R) (Ocean Odyssey (R) (S) (8239588). Kids (S) (1527758), 10.26 Secret LH (1986520), 10.45 Teletubbies (R) (S) (8625810), 11.35 The Finitsiones (4) Open a Door (fi) 888) **7.30** Berlha 88 (F) (S) (5312838 Wen (F) (S) (T) 886617), **9.35** 9.76 (A) Jerry

The Beechgrove Garden (R) (S) (35520), 1.30 Golf (R) (S) (T) (1045810), 2.25 The Phil Silvers Show (R) (53730520), 2.50 News; Local News; Weather (T) (839278), 2.56 Wildlife on Two (R) (S) (T) (9615467), 3.26 News; Local News; Weather (T) (4794384), 3.30 The Mills Life (R) (Sf), 4.00 Australian Odyssey (R) (785384).

[][]] Heart of a Child (Sandor Stern 1983 US). Heart-Iransplant drama (S) (T) (5309891).

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5.50 Beautiful Things. Wedding flowers (S) (112655).

5.00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air. American fish-out-of-water teenager silcom (R) (S) (474807).

7:10 Children's BBC: O Zone (S) (885471)

Newsnight. With Kirsty Wark deputising for the Pax-monster (T) (815471). †0,40 0

(S) (S) (A) Quilty as \$in. The conclusion of tonight's film (8014407).

11.45 Renegade (S) (763742). 12.40 Stash (9107475). 12.45 So You Think You're Irish (R) (27143). 115 Planet Rock Profiles (S) (24056). 1.45 Best of British Motor Sport (8343230).

Night Caller (John Gilling 1985 UK). The only film of the day features allens from Ganymede. inselon: to abduct girls for "genetic purposes". isk -- don't walt up (3950414).

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6.26 Heartbreak High. Nikki turns moral crusader when she learns that Tasha's mother is being exploited by a shrewd businessman (S) (T) (317839).

7.30 (ATIOTES) Horne Ground. Tracing people whose lives have been changed by the Troubles in Northern Ireland. See Factual Programme of the Day, below (S) (T) (29).

8.00 Meet the Ancestors. Archaeologist Julian Richards investigates the history behind the medieval grave of a Benedictine monk, dug up in an English gerden (R) (S) (1) (5617).

8.30 Ground Force. Alan Titchmarsh vs a patch of concrete (S) (T) (7452).

9.00 Dad's Army. More 30th-anniversary celebrations from the Home Guard unit of Walmington-on-Sea (R) (T) (4346).

9.30 in the Footsteps of Alexander the Great.
Michael Wood concludes his re-enactment of the
20,000-mile, 16-country journey. The final leg takes
from the Khyber Pass through Pakistan to the Punj
where Alexander's army mutinied and he was force
return across the Makran Desert to Babylon (T) (54)

10.30 London Tonight. Regional news (T) (396817).

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10.30 1311/1 Pleasan basebal I Trading Hearts (Neil Leifer 1988 US).

3nt-enough romantic comedy in which a former all ster falls for a single mom (83528988).

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), 1.00 London Today (T) (39346), 1.30 Lunch in (7724636), 2.15 Home and Away (S) (T)

1), 2.45 Supermarket Sweep (R) (S) (T) (392452), TN News Headlines (T) (4792826), 3.20 London (T) (4799839),

3.26 Childa Jambo (83789 Machin (S) (T)

5.40 News 5.10 Home

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6.30 Home from H **erdale.** Tara has some devastating news for and Zoe, so we hear (S) (T) (6723).

way. The police try to persuade children that it good idea to play on the motorway – surely a which would solve itself in time (655).

8.00 The BI Hollis to IIII. Piod drama series. An old caravan inspires a suggest a new method of policing. More ins on the beat? (T) (5471).

9.00 EIIM 8.30 Loved Type Califty as Sin (Sidney Lumet 1993 US).

Inty-six years after 12 Angry Men, Lumet comes over sentimental in this so-so courtroom thriller about an attious lewyer (Rebecca De Momay) who begins to uneasy about her latest client. Don Johnson plays client, a smooth-talking womaniser accused of dering his wife (S) (T) (5933). I by You. Titter-free John Gordon-Sinclair sitcom a young couple - given the time-slot and channel in pretty much take that for granted (S) (T) (1278).

Vicious satire about high-school life, popularity, and peer-group pressure. It is set in Westerberg High, which is dominated by the most powerful and popular girls in the school – all named Heather. See Film of the Day, below (S) (T) (358984).

11.55 The Real World (R) (S) (379100). **12.25** Homicide: Life on the Street (R) (S) (T) (6214056).

<u>1.25</u> EILLY Bunny Lako is Missing (Otto Preminger 1985 US). Psychological suspenser with Laurence Olivier and Noël Coward (251785).

oert Classics (R) (60339056). **4.05** Soundtrax (34783230). **4.20** ITV Nightscreen (9655476). N Morning News (42872). To 6am.

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GMTV (313747 ¥ (3847182). **9.25** The Jerry Springer Show (S) (T) 71). 7.00 The Big Breakfast (S) (T) (30029), 9.00 The Bigger Breakfast (R) (31365), 9.30 California Dreams (R) (S) (T) (76926), 10.00 Hang Time (R) (S) (T) (5879636), 10.40 The Secret World of Alex Mack (R) (1638764), 11.10 Planet Pop (8628907), 11.45 Eerie, Indiana (R) (T) (2530884), 12.30 Mission: Impossible (T) (88826).

6.00 5 News and Sport (S) (3670146). 7.00 WideWorld (R) (S) (T) (8483487). 7.30 Milkshakel (S) (6761487). 7.35 Dappledown Farm (R) (2023926). 8.00 Havakazoo (S) (6195907). 8.30 Alvin and the Chipmunks (R) (6194278). 9.00 Starting from Scratch (6221758). 9.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (S) (9700758). 10.20 Sunset Beach (S) (T) (1980384). 11.10 Leeza (R) (S) (6599907). 12.00 5 News at Noon (S) (T) (6138094). 12.30 Family Affairs (S) (T) (3868278). 1.30 Sons and Daughters (3867549).

1.30 IIIM That Forsyte Woman (Compton Bennett 1949 US). Metodrama based on one of the novels in The Forsyte Saga trilogy about a Victorian woman who marries into a prosperous family only to upset the emotional applecant by failing for the flancs of one of the Forsyte women. Green Garson shines in the lead role, opposite Errol Flynn (T) (61891).

ren's ITV: Tots TV (R) (S) (4772162). 3.35 ree (4878146). 3.45 Rocky and the Dodos (S) (02). 4.00 Dastardly and Muttley's Flying les (R) (9762520). 4.15 Extreme Ghostbusters (R) (5948471). 4.40 Minty (S) (T) (5178839).

3.30 Watercolour Challenge (T) (549), 4.00 Fifteen to One - the Big Winners (R) (S) (T) (384), 4.30 Countdown (S) (T) (3418346), 4.55 Rickl Lake (R) (S) (T) (2970162),

5.30 Pet Rescuers. Zoe Dillegh explains how animals have helped her cope with disability (S) (T) (520).

3.50 The Oprah Winfrey Show (S) (3840636).

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4.45 Family Affairs (S) (T) (8719988).

2.00 IIIM Tarzan Escapes (Richard Thorpe 1936 US).

A classic Tarzan film in which Jane is tricked into leaving the idylic tree-house in which she is living with the legendary ape-man. Johnny Weissmuller and Maureen O'Sullivan are the odd couple upset by a visit from her cousins, Eric and Rita (7162452).

Weather (T) (136984). and Away (S) (T) (1979655).

and the South-East (T) (891). 6.00 Cheers. Sam feigns impotence in an attempt to secure a date with a psychlarist (R) (S) (T) (433).

Truths. Surreal schooklds' quiz show. Teams tigh Wycombe and Dreyton Manor test their it knowledge. Kalle Boyle uses some fridge its to keep the soore (S) (471).

6.30 The Cosby Show. The Huxtables try to persuade Sondra and Elvin to move from their cramped apartment before the baby is born (R) (S) (T) (823).

Chelsea vs Atletico Madrid. Steve Scott presents the action as Chelsea travel to Holland for this pre-season match against one of Spair's top club sides. Chelsea manager Glanluca Vialli has spent in the region of £20m this summer, on the likes of Brian Laudrup. Pleriuigi Casiraghi, Albert Ferrer and French World Cup Winner Marcel Desailly in a determined effort to usurp Arsenal as the Premiership continental all-stars. Should Chelsea win, they'll be back on Channel 5 tomorrow right at 7.30pm (43403891).

7.00 Channel 4 News; Weather (S) (T) (599159).

7.55 Litpop. Maori post Jillian Tipene (R) (T) (446704).
8.00 Absolutely Animals. Wildlife magazine. Wendy Turner investigates a controversy in the cet world – that hotbed of dispute and debate – surrounding the "craze" for designer wild oats (T) (3013).

7.45 Live Football. Liverpool vs Inter Milan. Steve Scott again, this time with the pre-season action as Liverpool tace the Italian "club glants". This fixture – hyped predominantly on the possible clash of Ronaldo and little Michael Owen – was part of the transfer deal when Paul ince was transferred from Italy to Merseysids a season ago, its intention to swell the Liverpool coffers. Financially a sure thing, but as a game of football lukewarm at best, with the real stars wrapped in cofton-wool before the new season (S) (74131704).

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7.30 5 News (S) (4730839).

8.30 Brookside. Simbed is determined to start his new life, but fate has a shock in store. Well, there's a surprise (S) (T) (2520).

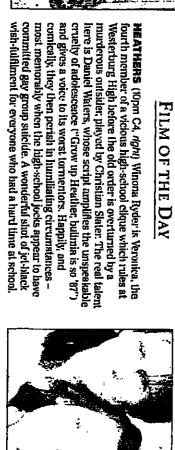
9,00 Equinox. "Dewn of the Death Ray". Documentary which assesses the history and future of the laser, and mets some of the scientists responsible for its development. The programme asks whether the laser will change the way wars are fought forever (T) (8655).

10.40 This Wonderful Life. Liz Hurley is the first subject in a series of unauthorised biographies on those who are famous for being famous. Dismissed by film critics, celebrated for her animal-print underwear and girlfrlend of Hugh Grant (S) (2735452).

11.10 IIII The Legend of Bille Jean (Maithew Robbins 1985 US). Adolescent drama about a Texas boy who accidentally shoots a local rich kid. Oh, well (S)

Dark Horses (R) (S) (T) (2702582). **4.00** Auto Erotic – the Luxury Car (R) (S) (T) (13037). **4.30** Nightshade (2237495). **5.35** Heroes or Villains (R) (6717308). **5.55** Sessme Street (R) (S) (4086582). To 7am. 1.00 Live and Dangerous (S) (7704124). 2.30 Live and Dangerous (continued) (S) (98458143). 3.45 Asian Football Show (S) (1471143). 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (7526766). 5.30 Whittle (F) (S) (T) (8205563). To 6am.

Television Gride by Peter Concilie



HOME GROUND (7.30pm BBC2, right) This excellent regional film, first screened by BBC Northern Ireland, is a simple yet ingenious analysis of the so-called "Troubles". The conflict itself has habitually dragged innocents into the fray, and the press coverage has inevitably followed the same pattern. Here, people immortalised in press images symbolic of the fighting – Lord Tebbit being dragged ashen-faced from the rubble in the aftermath of the Brighton bomb, Tom

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